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URGED TO TIGHTEN GRIP OF THE NAVY

British Govt. Called Upon to Make Blockade of Germany Closer

MANY AT MEETING IN LONDON TO-DAY

Enormous Quantities of Commodities Said to Be Reaching Enemy

London, Feb. 14.—A largely-attended meeting for the purpose of urging the government to establish a more effective blockade against the central powers was held in London this afternoon. Baron Davenport, chairman of the port authority of London, presided. The discussion hinged on the following resolution:

"That this meeting of citizens of London, viewing with grave alarm the enormous quantities of commodities reaching the enemy through the North Sea, calls upon his majesty's government to give every facility to exercise fuller and more effective use of our seapower in the war."

TELL OF TREATMENT IN GERMAN CAMPS

Seven Canadians Sent Back; In Need of Parcels Sent Them.

London, Feb. 14.—From remarks made by medical officers, it appears that the seven Canadians repatriated from Germany as unfit for further military service, namely, Privates Ashleigh, Third Battalion; T. Cannon, J. Mackie, 1st; J. Green, 1st; Lang, 5th; A. Herbert, 13th; and S. Van Mill, 5th, have returned in better condition than those preceding them, largely because of the arrival of Red Cross parcels, which are being received now more regularly, and also because German surgery is not so terribly bad as in some earlier cases.

Pte. Robert Lang, who formerly was an employee of the T. Eaton Co., Ltd., Toronto, said that at Hogeheimer, where he had been taken to a hospital, the doctors had been kind and skilful, but the food none too good, and the supply of bread inadequate.

Capt. Harvey Died There. Captain Harvey, a Canadian officer, had died at that hospital while he was there.

Lang later had been moved to Coltingen, where the treatment was distinctly better, due to the fact that the wounded were looked after by Russian prisoners. The Belgian prisoners, being cooks, had got all the pleasant jobs. Afterwards he had been transferred to a camp at the same place. Here the food was very bad and the men would have starved if they had not received parcels. Lang himself had not received parcels, but the prisoners had divided themselves into groups of three or four and shared the parcels, so he got his share of the good things.

The soup given the prisoners was miserable, and one would need a microscope to find a trace of meat in it. The Belgians who came to the camp also naturally had looked after themselves first, so the prisoners had got little or very poor food. They were dependent on the parcels sent from Britain and Canada.

Lieut. S. H. Kent, 3rd Battalion, recently wounded slightly, has returned to duty. Lieut. R. D. West, 27th Battalion, with a gunshot wound in his left arm, is in a hospital in France. Lieut. N. M. Maclean, 13th Battalion, and Pte. G. R. Chetwynd, Canadian Engineers, are both in hospital in London.

FIRE AT MUNITIONS PLANT IN SCHENECTADY

Schenectady, N. Y., Feb. 14.—The munitions plant of the General Electric company was the scene of a fire to-day. The blaze finally was extinguished by the company's private fire department and no report was made to the city police or fire authorities. Officials of the company withheld all information regarding the fire.

The burned building was a small one-story structure of concrete. Formerly it was used as an overhaul factory, but was purchased by the General Electric company a few months ago and made into a plant for the manufacture of shell casings. There were no explosives or inflammable material in the building.

MEASURES AGAINST GERMANY DISCUSSED

Wilson and Minister to Holland Talked of Allies' Blockade

THEY ALSO TALKED OF REMOVAL OF MAILED

Austria's Announcement on Armed Merchantmen Has Reached Washington

Washington, Feb. 14.—Interference with American trade and mails by the entente powers was discussed to-day at a conference between President Wilson and Henry Van Dyke, American minister at The Hague. Information brought by Dr. Van Dyke is to be used by this government in framing the note to Great Britain on contraband.

Dr. Van Dyke said embargoes against re-exportation have been placed by The Netherlands on practically all articles on the contraband list, and conditional contraband list. The increased American trade with European neutrals was due largely, he thought, to the shutting off of other sources of supply.

Dr. Van Dyke took the position that American trade with Europe was flourishing in spite of the obstacles thrown in its way.

A formal report on the removal of mail by Great Britain from the liner Rotterdam has been made to the state department by Dr. Van Dyke, who came home on the ship. It is expected that the information will be used in a note to Great Britain when that country formally replies to the American protest against mail seizures.

Has Reached Washington. Washington, Feb. 14.—Austria's formal notification of her intention to sink without warning armed merchant ships after March 1 was received to-day by the state department. It is substantially the same as that received from Germany.

Secretary Lansing said no decision had been reached on the attitude of the United States. He had read the German memorandum carefully, he said, and found it agreed with the published description contained in recent news dispatches from Berlin.

CALGARY SOLDIERS KEPT IN BARRACKS

Few Ringleaders Blamed; Military Commission and Police Investigating Riots

Calgary, Feb. 14.—As the soldiers have been kept in barracks, a repetition of the riots of Thursday and Friday night has been made impossible, even if there had been any desire on the part of the men to resume the disorders. Brigadier-General Crum, military officer commanding this military district, states that the men will be confined to barracks until he is sure that their temper has changed. Both he and Chief of Police Chubb are of the opinion that a few ringleaders, and they are trying to locate these.

The investigation by the military commission is proceeding, and the police also are conducting an inquiry with a view to discovering the names of the civilians who took part in the rioting.

CONSUL-GENERAL BOPP EVADED CAMERA-MEN

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Neutrality indictments against thirteen individuals and three firms, superseded by others returned last Thursday in the federal court, were dismissed to-day on the government's motion when 23 persons appeared to-day in federal court in the German bomb plot cases and shipping conspiracies involving German and Turkish consular officials. Franz Bopp, German consul-general, and others of his official family, evaded camera-men and sightseers by entering a side door of the federal building, while Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, an attaché of the German consulate-general, angled for the attention of the curious at a front entrance to his chief's place.

GERMANY SCHEMING.

Washington, Feb. 14.—That Germany had offered Nicaragua a larger sum than the United States for an option on the Nicaragua canal route was argued in the senate to-day as an argument for early ratification of the pending treaty.

STATES WILL WAIT AND WATCH ACTION OF CENTRAL POWERS

Washington, Feb. 14.—The United States probably will leave to be determined by future developments the question as to whether any action will be taken in response to the announcement by the Teutonic allies that armed merchantmen, beginning March 1, will be subjected to submarine attack without warning.

ONE RIGDEN FINED; OTHERS TO PRISON

Members of Fownes Company, Glove Manufacturers, Sentenced in London

GOODS FROM GERMANY FOR NEW YORK BRANCH

London, Feb. 14.—At the Old Bailey to-day, William Gardner Rigden was fined £500, William Fownes Rigden was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment and Stanley Fownes Rigden to four months' imprisonment following their withdrawal of their former defence and their pleading guilty to the charge of having obtained goods from Germany for their New York branch and traded in such goods in contravention of the Trading with the Enemy Act. The men are partners in the Fownes Bros. & Co. glove manufacturers.

The prosecution alleged that between the end of September and the end of December, 1914, the accused men had obtained goods worth \$30,000 from Saxony through the New York branch, for which payment was to be made after the war.

The sentence in the case of William Gardner Rigden was made light because of his advanced age, and because he had taken only a small part in the business. The other sentences do not entail hard labor.

HOLLAND WAREHOUSE FOR THE GERMANS

Goods Moved Into Germany Every Day, Says London Daily Mail

London, Feb. 14.—The Daily Mail recently sent an investigator to Holland, as it previously had sent one to Scandinavia, to ascertain the effect of the British blockade of Germany.

This investigator contributed a three-column article to the Daily Mail this morning, the gist of which is that the correspondent, after patient and careful inquiry, has come to the conclusion that Holland is being used by the Germans as a warehouse from which goods are taken daily to German factories, cities and troops. He asserts that The Netherlands Overseas Trading established under pledge to Britain to control the imports so that Holland would import only for her own needs, has been a failure.

"The Dutch cities," he says, "are swarming with German merchants, agents and spies, trading freely. Dutch commerce is inextricably entangled with German interests and German capital."

The correspondent supports his contention by statistics and other evidence.

SAID TURKS INCREASING FORCES IN MESOPOTAMIA

London, Feb. 14.—A Reuter dispatch from Athens says it is reported that Turkish forces in formidable numbers are being sent to Mesopotamia. Troops released from the Dardanelles are already on their way there and small contingents also have left from Thrace.

SANK QUICKLY WHEN STRUCK BY TORPEDO

French Cruiser Amiral Charner Was on Duty Off Syrian Coast

ONLY ONE OF CREW RESCUED FROM RAFT

Says There Was No Time to Launch the Lifeboats

Paris, Feb. 14.—Reports of the loss of the French cruiser Amiral Charner, reported to have been sunk by a submarine while patrolling the Syrian coast, were confirmed to-day.

According to information received at the ministry of marine, a raft bearing one member of the crew who was alive and the bodies of fourteen of his companions, was picked up off the coast of Syria. The rescued man said the Amiral Charner had been sunk on the morning of February 8, there being no time to use the lifeboats.

A statement given out by the French ministry of marine yesterday said that no news had been received from the cruiser Amiral Charner since February 8, when, according to a German telegram, a submarine had sunk "a French warship."

POLICY OF THREATS AGAINST ROUMANIA

Germany, Through Minister at Bucharest, Asks What Course Will Be

London, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Ughent, on the Roumanian frontier, says:

Baron von Dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, the German minister at Bucharest, who was entrusted with a special mission to Roumania by the German government, has returned from Berlin, where he was received in audience by the kaiser, and has opened his campaign in the newspaper Roumania by threatening Roumania.

"The Germanic powers," he says in his paper, "know how to strike swiftly and energetically."

He asks on what side Roumania is going to range herself and declares that Germany wishes to know immediately.

NEW WESTMINSTER MAN RETURNING; WAS WOUNDED

Winipeg, Feb. 14.—Private W. F. Fitzgerald, of New Westminster, who was wounded in the left shoulder during the night at St. Julien, is spending the day in the city as a guest of the Returned Soldiers' Association. He will proceed on his way home this evening. He was wounded while fighting in the 7th Battalion and was the oldest man in that battalion. Although approaching the half-century mark, he is exceptionally able and declares he could run a mile with any younger man.

BRIAND AND MERCIER CONVERSED IN ROME

Paris, Feb. 14.—Dispatches from Rome to the Paris newspapers say that Premier Briand and Cardinal Mercier met on Friday last at the Villa Medicea, the seat of the French-art school of Rome. Albert Bonard, the head of the school, was painting a portrait of Cardinal Mercier when M. Briand was announced. The latter, on learning that the cardinal was present, expressed a desire to meet the prelate. The conversation between the two lasted for 20 minutes.

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Remaining Single Men in Motherland Summoned to Join

London, Feb. 14.—A proclamation calling upon the remaining single men under the Derby plan and the Military Service Act was posted to-day.

The call to the colors will have the effect of enrolling all single men of military age who have not been exempted.

Single men who did not attest under the Earl of Derby's plan are subject to compulsory military service, with certain classes exempted under the terms of the act passed at the last session of parliament, which went into effect on February 16.

CAPTURED TRENCH SOUTH OF SOMME

French Surrounded German Company and Those Not Killed Surrendered

INFANTRY FIGHTING IN CHAMPAGNE AND ALSACE

Paris, Feb. 14.—French troops exploded a mine on the road between Neuville and La Folie, in Artois, according to the announcement issued by the war office this afternoon.

In Champagne, a German attack east of Somme-Py was met by the explosion of three French mines. The German efforts to advance were checked, but in spite of serious losses they maintained themselves in the positions occupied by them.

The text follows:

"In the Artois district we have caused the explosion of a mine south of the road between Neuville and La Folie. "South of the river Somme, an attack by our troops made yesterday evening against the works held by the Germans south of the river Frie resulted in our occupying a section of trench. A counter-attack was checked by our fire. One German company was surrounded and decimated. The captain and seventy survivors surrendered. The total number of prisoners at present in our hands is about 100. Several machine-guns also were captured by us. According to the word of prisoners and judging also from the number of German dead on the field, the losses of the enemy were considerable."

Set Off Mines. "In the Champagne district, during an attack delivered yesterday by the enemy at a point east of the highway between Tahure and Somme-Py, we exploded three mines which had been laid previously under the advance trenches which the Germans had penetrated. The German efforts to continue on to our supporting trenches failed. In spite of the serious losses caused by the explosion of our mines, as well as by our artillery fire, the enemy maintained his positions in these advanced trenches."

"In Upper Alsace yesterday evening there was further action on the part of the enemy infantry east of Seppois, preceded by a violent artillery bombardment, which resulted in the Germans securing possession of about 200 metres of trenches, but an immediate counter attack on our part brought back to our hands the greater portion of these positions."

"Artillery fighting of great violence continues in this region."

German Claims. Berlin, Feb. 14.—Important gains for the Germans in two engagements were reported to-day by the war office. Northwest of Tahure, in Champagne, positions over a front of 200 yards were captured, seven officers and 300 men being made prisoners. In the region of Anseret, near the French frontier, allied positions 400 yards long were captured.

Killed in Action. London, Feb. 14.—The Marquis of Bath received news to-day that his eldest son, John Alexander Thynne Viscount Weymouth, had been killed in action. No details regarding the vicount's death so far have come to light. He was born in 1885.

SASKATCHEWAN WOMEN WILL VOTE SHORTLY

Regina, Feb. 14.—Premier Scott told a deputation of women to-day that the time had arrived for the granting of the vote to women, and that the government would introduce the necessary legislation.

A TURKISH CLAIM.

Constantinople, Feb. 14.—A statement issued to-day by the marine department says:

"An enemy destroyer which attempted to approach the entrance to the Dardanelles was driven off by our batteries."

CONCENTRATING ON BULGARIAN BORDER

French Troops Are Moving North From Salonica Along Railway

MORE BRITISH AND FRENCH FORCES LANDED

Reported Bulgarians Are in Fieri, Albania, 16 Miles From Avlona

London, Feb. 14.—Increased activity in the Balkans is reported from Athens. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch filed yesterday says that following the arrival of French and British reinforcements at Salonica, the French are again proceeding up the railway, concentrating troops as far forward as the Bulgarian frontier.

The Bulgarians are said to have occupied one-third of Albania. In Fieri. London, Feb. 14.—A Reuter dispatch from Athens says that Bulgarian forces have occupied the Albanian town of Fieri, about 16 miles north of Avlona.

A dispatch from Athens on February 7 said that according to advices from Austrian sources, Austrian and Bulgarian troops had formed a junction in Albania and occupied the town of El Bassan, which is thirty-eight miles southeast of Durazzo and fifty miles northeast of Avlona. It was stated in an Austrian official statement that on February 9 Austro-Hungarian troops had occupied Tirana, which lies about twenty miles north of El Bassan. The present announcement that the Bulgarians have occupied Fieri, which is about 37 miles to the southwest of El Bassan, may indicate that the Austrians and Bulgarians have started separate campaigns from that point, the former advancing on the important Albanian city of Durazzo, with the Bulgarians aiming at Avlona, which is occupied in force by Italian troops. The Austrian official statement published on February 12 said that Italian forces had attacked the position taken by the Austrians west of Tirana but their attacks had failed.

Several Injured by Bombs Dropped by Austrian Air-men To-day. London, Feb. 14.—A Reuter dispatch from Milan says six persons were killed and several injured, all civilians, by bombs dropped from aeroplanes which appeared over the city this morning.

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APPEAL MADE FOR CODERRE, CANADIAN

Montreal, Feb. 14.—The appeal documents signed by C. Coderre, formerly a lieutenant in the 41st Canadian battalion, have now gone in, and probably will be given their first hearing a week hence, the Gazette's correspondent in London cabled last night.

"Col. Pelletier, agent-general for Quebec, states that he has received assurances from the home secretary that the death sentence will not be carried out on Feb. 21, the date originally mentioned by the sheriff."

"Coderre is taking the situation calmly. He reiterates that he is innocent, but declares that he can die like a man if the sentence is carried out."

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN MAY HAVE BEEN LOST

London, Feb. 14.—The Daily Mail received the following dispatch from Copenhagen, dated Sunday:

"Off Blaavand, near Esbjerg, on the west coast of Denmark, Zeppelin L-20 to-day tried to steer southwards, but was unable to do so owing to the strong wind. She was driven back over the North Sea. An eyewitness states that the airship's engines were working very irregularly."

CRUISER ARETHUSA STRUCK MINE TO-DAY

Announced Officially She Met Disaster Off East Coast of England

PROBABLY TOTAL LOSS; TEN OF CREW PERISHED

One of Britain's Most Famous Ships; Was in Two Engagements

London, Feb. 14.—The cruiser Arethusa struck a mine to-day off the east coast of England, according to a statement issued by the official press bureau. It is feared, the statement adds, that the vessel will be a total wreck.

About ten men were lost. The text of the official statement says:

"H. M. S. Arethusa, Commodore Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, has struck a mine off the east coast and it is feared she will become a total loss. About ten men were lost."

A Famous Cruiser. The light cruiser Arethusa was one of the most famous ships in the British navy. Although she was completed only in June, 1914, less than two months before war broke out, the gallant officer in command of her, Commodore Tyrwhitt, and his crew had the good fortune to exchange blows with the enemy during the first month of the war. That was at Heligoland, in the action in which a British squadron, having lured the German cruisers Mainz and Koln and other enemy craft from the shelter of the guns of Heligoland, sank the Mainz and Koln and nine other craft. The Arethusa was damaged during the engagement, but she was out of the drydock soon, ready for the enemy again.

Her second chance came when Rear-Admiral (now Vice-Admiral) Beatty and his battle-cruiser squadron caught a German squadron in the North Sea on Jan. 24, 1915. The Arethusa had the honor of firing the torpedo which proved the death blow of the German armored cruiser Bluecher. This was said to be the first case on record where a cruiser sank a large warship with a torpedo.

Thus, although the Arethusa was one of the new ships of the navy, she already was a battle-scarred veteran and the officers and crew took pleasure in showing the honorable wounds she had received to the various parties of correspondents who visited the armed fleet at intervals during the past year on the invitation of the admiralty.

Two 6-Inch Guns. The Arethusa was a light cruiser displacing 3,520 tons. She carried two 6-inch guns and six 4-inch and was fitted with four torpedo tubes above water. She was 450 feet in length and her designed speed was 30 knots. The admiralty has never let it be known whether she exceeded her designed speed, but it is a safe conclusion that she did.

Cruisers of the same class are the Aurora, Galatea, Inconstant, Royalist, Penelope, Phaeton and Undaunted.

ITALIANS WILL PUT GUNS ON ALL SHIPS

Have No Intention of Removing Guns From Trans-Atlantic Liners

New York, Feb. 14.—According to a statement by Captain Romano, of the San Giovanni, which arrived from Naples yesterday, the Italian government intends to arm all its merchant vessels in the Atlantic trade with quick firing guns instead of disarming those which already have been equipped.

"The San Giovanni has no guns on this voyage," the captain said, "but the measurements have been made for the platforms and deck plates so that the guns can be fitted on her arrival in Naples the next time. The San Giorgio and San Guiglielmo will be equipped with three-inch rapid-fire guns and probably will have them mounted when they reach New York on the next voyage."

The five Italian liners which have come into this harbor with guns, the Giuseppe Verdi, Verona, America, Starnella and Caserta, and have been cleared by the collector of the port, belonged to the other Italian lines operating to New York.

AN AUSTRIAN DENIAL.

Vienna, Feb. 14.—Official denial was made here to-day of the Russian announcement of Thursday last claiming capture of Usciebsko and a crossing of the Dniester.

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NO BEEF NOW IN TURKISH CAPITAL

Conditions Approaching Famine: Enver Pasha Has Made His Father Prefect

Milan, Feb. 14.—Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, has had his father appointed prefect of Constantinople, according to the correspondent at Salonica of one of the papers here. Mohammed V. is sultan of Turkey by permissive lease of the throne, granted by the Young Turks, of whom the foremost, most authoritative and most vicious is Enver Pasha. If Mohammed V. offends, it will be announced that his death was due to long illness—as was the case with Yussuf Izzedin, heir to the throne, who was unpopular with the Young Turks and was assassinated.

Approaching Famine. A traveler just from Constantinople told the correspondent of conditions there. He said:

"In Constantinople one realizes the war pressure more than in any other great capital in the war zone. I had been there a few months ago, but today things are much worse. The dearth of the necessities of life is now of an alarming nature. The condition of affairs approaches famine. The price of sugar is five shillings a pound and coffee is six shillings a pound. Cigarettes are 40 per cent. dearer, which is a great hardship to the Turks, who smoke almost constantly. There is no chocolate, kerosene, cheese, rice or

beef in the city, and other necessities of daily life are very high or unobtainable.

Germans Are Busy.

"The Germans," stated my Enver Pasha, who is carrying favor with them, are making a great effort to Germanize Constantinople and as much of the rest of Turkey as they can.

"Shop signs must be written only in Turkish or German—no other language is allowed as a rule. This holds good for window signs and placards. In order to avoid the employment of the hated language several Hellenes, that is, Greeks of the kingdom, who had been allowed to use their mother tongue, have hit upon the plan of writing out their former French signs, such as 'Restaurant Central' or 'Chamberie Universelle,' in Greek letters, according to modern Greek pronunciation, whereby the signs have become almost unintelligible."

"Yielding to the efforts of the Germans to increase their hold on Turkey, the Turkish 'minister of education' some time ago formed a plan for transplanting 14 erudite German professors to the academic groves of Stamboul, where they were to instruct in Ural-Altaic philology, astronomy, experimental psychology and a number of other recondite subjects, for which young Turkey was thought by the Germans to be thirsting.

Would Not Understand.

"But on second thoughts leading Constantinople newspapers questioned the wisdom of transplanting these learned men to Turkish soil, mainly on the ground that Turkish students would have difficulty in following lectures, even the most eloquent, unless they were delivered in the language of the Turks. The German embassy sought to smooth out the difficulty by suggesting that the professors might employ their first year in Stamboul learning Turkish, but in view of the crudeness of Turkish linguistics it was pointed out that a year was far too short a time to acquire this knowledge, and that the scheme had better be abandoned. The proposal now made by the sultan's 'minister of education' is to build a sort of lyceum for the German professors where they will be supreme, and where they can lecture in their native language to such members of the 'universities' as are instructed in Ural-Altaic philology and applied psychology."

TURKS AND GERMANS HAVE MANY QUARRELS

Trouble in Turkish Army; Great Revolutionary Plot in Turkey

Paris, Feb. 14.—The Geneva correspondent of the Paris Journal states that a high Turkish official, in Geneva for a short stay, said to him:

"If the German offensive in the Balkans has stopped it is because the Turks at Constantinople have so decided. Neither the Germans nor the Bulgarians are liked at Constantinople. They are greatly distrusted. Turkey does not want the Germans to go to Salonica. The people do not want to see them in Constantinople. We know German methods well enough to be sure that, once they are installed there, big guns alone will be able to turn them out. The popular discontent also has to be considered."

"The Turks are beginning to complain and to regret the adventure into which they have been dragged. There are open revolts against the Germans in the army. The situation is very strained. The slightest mistake might occasion a catastrophe. Those are the reasons why Turkey is opposed to the expedition against Egypt. The expedition will be undertaken only by Turkish forces. There is an absolute determination in Constantinople not to let the Germans install themselves on the Suez canal."

A Great Plot.

The Salonica correspondent of the Temps states: "The Turkish secret police have just discovered traces of a vast revolutionary plot, of which the centre is Constantinople, and the object to kill Enver Pasha, overthrow the present Turkish government, and expel the Germans from Turkey. Turkish officers are compromised in the affair. Numerous arrests have been made, and measures of vigilance of exceptional rigor have been taken in the Turkish capital. The police agents have been doubled, and Constantinople has, in fact, been transformed into a vast centre of espionage, which paralyzes both commercial and private life. The Germans and the Young Turks, who are responsible for this intolerable situation, are cursed by all classes of the population."

BRITISH VESSEL WAS SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

London, Feb. 14.—The British steamship, Springwell, has been sunk in the Mediterranean while en route from London to Calcutta. A Reuter dispatch from Malta says she was torpedoed without warning. The officers and crew, numbering 73, were picked up and landed at Malta.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS AT LARGE IN ATLANTIC

New York, Feb. 14.—A Buenos Ayres dispatch says that two interned German merchantmen have escaped from South American ports. They asked permission to "exercise their engines" and dashed out to sea. The two vessels are the Bahrenfeld, which was interned at Buenos Aires, and the Turpin, interned at the Chilean port of Punta Arenas, in the Strait of Magellan.

TELLS OF SUFFERINGS OF THE ARMENIANS

Report on Conditions From Member of American Commission at Tiflis

New York, Feb. 14.—The American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief has just received a report from Richard Hill, a member of its commission sent to Russia to supervise the distribution of relief among the refugee Armenians who have been driven out of Turkey. Mr. Hill reports from Tiflis, where he is operating with the United States consul, who is also a member of the relief commission. After speaking of the 170,000 in Russia and the 55,000 accessible in Turkey and Persia, and all in a most destitute condition, Mr. Hill says:

"First of all, let me repeat the words of my first cable and emphasize with all the vigor of earnestness that the situation here in respect to the Armenian refugees is as bad as we had been led to believe, and that to attempt adequately to describe the horror of it would be a task altogether beyond me. As for the figures, I need not repeat them; they stand at the beginning of my letter and speak for themselves, that is, they tell in a bald, colorless way the actual facts of the case, but it would take the pen of a Dickens to give the pathos and misery of it proper justice."

Filled Great Plain.

"Last evening I dined with a gentleman who had come up out of Persia a few months ago, just about the time the last great exodus took place. He relates that on the arrival of his train at Auli, on the great Erivan plain, he saw one of the most moving sights of his life. That great level plain was black with a slow-moving mass of humanity that seemed to fill and overflow the horizon as far as the eye could see. He states that they must have numbered close on to 250,000 and that they were slowly, aimlessly, listlessly wandering onward. Children were dying by the hundreds. Sometimes the frenzied mothers would in their helplessness, mad grief fling their children from them over the roadside into the fields so as not to see the dying agonies of their emaciated and starved babies. Old women and men were dropping out by the roadside too far gone to go another step; epidemics already had appeared and were claiming their victims by the hundreds. From that throng, he said, there went up to heaven such an unutterable wall of woe and misery that he was compelled to close down the window of his compartment to try if possible to shut out the sound of that concentration of agony and pain which was wrung from the lips of those homeless, destitute wanderers."

Families Broken Up.

"They have been on the march constantly for weeks, have been forced most of them to leave on a moment's notice, have not yet had time to prepare for the journey, and apart from what they have been able to secure from the fields and the villages they passed through, have been without food or sustenance. Children have lost their parents, parents their children, and have never been able to find each other again; families have been broken up; some have wandered on into other parts of the Caucasus, others have gone into Persia, others again have gone back into Turkey; and, taking the story of this exodus as a whole, I do not think that for real pathos and concentrated misery a similar instance can be found in history."

Kindness of Cossacks.

"Out of the hundreds of stories that are daily coming to hand, it is hard to make a choice, for all are most interesting and touching. We hear, for instance, of Cossack transports picking up scores of little children left by the roadside to die, and of their hugging these in on their wagons, sharing their frugal meals with them; of women found dead by the roadside and a baby trying to waken the mother by pulling at her face and demanding its food; of new-born babies left just as they were born, carelessly flung aside, the mother dying shortly afterwards; or of a Russian officer, out at the front sitting crouched over a little child that he had made out of a few sticks, and of a little girl stiff with cold and hunger, slipping into the circle of heat of the fire, and without apology snuggling up to him and going fast asleep in a moment in the kindly warmth of the fire, and of that officer sitting cramped for hours in order to let the little waif sleep in the folds of his big army coat. But why go on—the tale is an endless one and grows more horrible as the details slowly filter in."

Children Prematurely Old.

"I have seen some myself, have looked into the faces of haunted starving children, prematurely old through the months of horrors that they have gone through. I have seen just a little, but that little is enough to give me an idea of what the future holds in this line and quite enough to sicken and sadden."

LARGE DEFICIT FACES GOVERNMENT OF GREECE

Athens, Feb. 14.—The Greek government is considering measures to improve the financial situation, being confronted with a large deficit. It is expected to retain a percentage of the salaries of office holders and to levy a tax on profits realized by the merchant marine from war traffic.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The following casualties have been announced:
Fifth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. G. N. Crowther, England.
Seventh Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Robert Geo. Anderson, New Westminster, B. C.; Pte. John Marshall Grant, Scotland.
Tenth Battalion—Wounded: Co. Sgt. Maj. G. E. E. Tomsett, Williams, Sask.
Fourteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. Jas. Bryant, Blake, Kentucky.
Fifteenth Battalion—Died Feb. 11: Pte. S. Gregorie, Thetford Mines, Que.
Seventeenth Battalion—Died Feb. 11: Pte. D. Duncan, McPherson, Glen William, P. E. I.
Nineteenth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. L. J. Carroll, Toronto.
Wounded accidentally: Pte. J. Larivee, Montreal.
Twentieth Battalion—Wounded: Pte. W. G. Sinfield, England.
Twenty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. A. Teale, Gananoque, Ont.; Pte. John Smith, Ireland.
Wounded accidentally: Sgt. James Atkins, England.
Twenty-eighth Battalion—Killed in action: Pte. Jas. McKelvie, Crowe, Wintworth, Sask.; Sgt. Thomas Armstrong, Scotland.
Wounded: Pte. John Kelp, England.
Thirty-first Battalion—Wounded: Pte. F. Campbell, Avonmore, Ont.

POULTRY DEALER KILLED BY NEW YORK GUNMEN

New York, Feb. 14.—Ten men were concerned in the murder plot which resulted in the killing of Barnett Raff, the independent poultry dealer, according to a confession made, the police say, by Frank Ferrara, chauffeur of the murder car from which Raff was shot dead. According to Ferrara, \$5,000 was paid by the instigator of the gunmen employed and to those who helped them escape after the murder. Ferrara gave the names of several and the amounts they received, the police say.

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GRAHAME-WHITE WOUNDED.

Hazebrouck, France, Feb. 14.—Claude Grahame-White, the celebrated British aviator, has been seriously wounded, but no details have been obtained.

VENIZELLOS TO RUN.

Paris, Feb. 14.—The Journal's Athens correspondent says: "M. Venizelos, former premier of Greece, has decided to return to active political life. He has become a candidate for a vacancy in the chamber of deputies for a district of Mitylene."

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PRIVATE ROMANOFF.

The czar's action in placing himself at the head of his army makes it interesting to know that at one time he served as a private, submitting himself to all the privations of the life of a common soldier, saluting his officers and carrying the full equipment, which then weighed nearly three-quarters of a hundredweight exclusive of the weight of the rifle. He appeared on the regiment roll as Private Nicholas Romanoff, married, of the Orthodox faith, coming from Tsarskoe Selo.

MINISTER WHO RESIGNED.

Sir John Simon has somewhat rehabilitated himself with the rank and file by insisting on his resignation. He injured his political reputation badly by his verbosity in the Northcliffe debate, but more still in August, 1914, when he was persuaded to withdraw his resignation after having tendered it. He is a man of splendid intellect, and if only his force of character were in the same measure he would justify the highest hopes of his warmest admirers.

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CLOSE UNION AMONG**THE ALLIED NATIONS**

Italy's Action Against German Trade Brings Germany's Downfall Nearer

Rome, Feb. 14.—The last gap in the ranks of the allies has been closed by the issuance of a decree by the Italian government, forbidding, under heavy penalty, the importation of any products from Germany or Austria-Hungary.

The announcement was made after Aristide Briand, premier of France, had conferred for several hours at the foreign office here. Shortly afterward M. Briand declared to correspondents: “We have completed the steel wall around Germany.”

Under ordinary circumstances Italy's act of hostility would have provoked an immediate declaration of war on the part of Germany. For financial as well as military reasons, however, it is not believed here the Kaiser will care to enroll Italy among his open enemies.

The allies, the French premier declared, are determined to tighten the steel band around Germany, throttling the Teutons by an economic grip while battering away at the German and Austro-Hungarian military positions.

Wall of Steel.

“Until now,” said M. Briand, “our enemies' greatest strength lay in their remarkable system of transportation, permitting rapid troop concentrations at any point or any front; but when the allies have encircled them with a steel band which is equally strong and equally impregnable, the enemies' line transportation system is rendered useless as far as giving overwhelming military advantage goes. A perfect union of all the allies was necessary to erect the wall of steel, but now it is fully attained.”

A series of decrees, similar to the one forbidding imports from Germany, will be issued within the near future, it is stated, all for the purpose of crushing Germany economically.

BELEATED STATEMENT**ISSUED BY TURKS**

Purports to Tell of Fighting Near Aden as Long Ago as Last December.

London, Feb. 14.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News says that the following announcement has been issued at Constantinople by the Turkish war office:

“In the neighborhood of Aden, British entrenched troops were attacked by Turks. At some points the British retired to within range of British naval guns.”

“During the early part of December two sections of our camel riders attacked a British post between Sheikh Hosman and Hira. Considerable losses were inflicted on the British. On Dec. 8, another engagement occurred between our camel riders and British cavalry, in which the latter was driven back with heavy losses.”

“On Dec. 16 heavy fighting took place near Mesale (or Meale). The hostile forces were dispersed and fled in the direction of Sheikh Hosman.”

On Dec. 28 last, Rt. Hon. J. Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, in reply to a question regarding a recent Turkish official statement to the effect that after successful fighting Turkish troops were advancing on the British post of Aden, in Southern Arabia, said in the house of commons that there had been no material change in positions during the previous two months.

“On Dec. 29 there was a skirmish between our cavalry scouts and an enemy patrol,” he said. “The enemy lost nine killed and one prisoner. Our only casualty was one wounded.”

PRESIDENT WILSON AS CANDIDATE AGAIN

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson to-day formally gave his consent that his name be used as that of a candidate for re-nomination.

In a letter to the secretary of state of Ohio, the president stated that he was unwilling to enter a contest for the nomination, but was ready to permit the use of his name in the coming primary in order that the Democrats of Ohio might make known their preference.

SIR GEORGE PRAGNELL**DEAD, AT AGE OF 48**

London, Feb. 14.—Sir George Pragnell is dead. His death was due to heart disease.

Sir George Pragnell was managing partner of a London manufacturing and shipping agency. He was knighted in 1912 and was chairman of the National Patriotic association. He was born in 1868.

NOT IN CHUNG-KING.

Shanghai, Feb. 14.—The report that Yunnanese rebel forces had captured Chung-King is officially denied. A dispatch received here from Chung-King last evening stated that conditions locally were quiet and unchanged.

DANISH ARTIST DEAD.

Copenhagen, Feb. 14.—Vilhelm Hammerhoej one of the most prominent Danish artists, died yesterday. He was born in 1867.

Mrs. Casey—The doctor says ye hav appendicitis. Tim! Mr. Casey—Och, Nohah, Nohah! Why wor ye so foolish as to show him yer bank book?

AUGUSTE KASTELLA**HAS BEEN DISMISSED**

Not Superintendent of Dredging for Dominion Public Works Department Now

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Auguste Kastella, mechanical superintendent of dredging for the Dominion, has been dismissed as the result of a departmental investigation. Seven months ago his operations came under the suspicion of Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, who suspended him and ordered an inquiry.

“He has not been dismissed because of his nationality,” said Mr. Rogers. “He was dismissed because his work was unsatisfactory. He has been under suspension for some time.”

Kastella, who was born in Germany, became superintendent of dredging in 1911. He was not at that time a naturalized Canadian, and it is understood that pressure had to be brought to bear before he would take out naturalization papers.

Since the fire his name has been mentioned prominently in the press as one of the German-born employees of the Canadian government who were in possession of information that would be advantageous to enemies of Canada. Kastella will not be allowed to leave the country. He will be kept under close observation, it is said.

KAISER WILHELM MAY**DIE SUDDENLY; CANCER**

London, Feb. 14.—Confirmation of the reports of the very grave condition of Kaiser Wilhelm, although he is moving about again, comes from Madrid in a statement made by an influential personage to the correspondent of the Journal. The Paris correspondent of the London Daily News. This personage has now received information which enables him to state definitely that the Kaiser is suffering from cancer in the larynx, aggravated by residence in damp climates.

The surgeons have tried repeatedly to destroy this cancer by cauterization, but it is too late, and now the only hope lies in the removal of the larynx. “If” added the Journal's informant, “the Kaiser's condition is as serious as I have been given to understand, he may be quickly carried off by a spasm of the glottis. I consider a meeting of German chiefs of state is imminent, in order to settle the regency question, for if the Kaiser dies, his death will be kept secret as long as possible.”

EDMUND NEWELL, MIDGET, DIED IN LIVERPOOL

New York, Feb. 14.—Relatives of Edmund Newell, Jr., a famous midget who was widely known in the circus and theatrical worlds as Major Newell, have received news of his death in Liverpool last week. He was a son of Mrs. Sarah E. Newell, of Newark, N. J. Newell was 24 inches in height and weighed 27 pounds when he married Minnie Warren, another famous midget. At 35 he attained a height of four feet, and his first wife having died, he married again, this time a woman of ordinary height. He leaves a widow and two children, the latter well-known on the English stage. Newell was 69 years of age.

HOUSE COMMITTEE WORKS WITH PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson to-day received a letter from Chairman Hay, of the House military committee, assuring him of the desire of the committee to work in harmony with him in perfecting plans for national defence.

The letter was sent in compliance with a resolution adopted by the committee thanking the president for his confidence expressed in his published correspondence with former Secretary Garrison.

PRECAUTIONS IN ONTARIO AGAINST GERMAN EFFORTS

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Asked if there was danger of an invasion of Canada at Niagara, Brig.-General Logie, commanding the Toronto division, made the statement last night that the reported movements of troops were unfounded, but that precautions had been taken to deal with any emergency.

PRESIDENT WILSON UNDECIDED.

Washington, Feb. 14.—President Wilson reached no decision on whom to appoint secretary of war while he was on his week-end trip down the Potomac, and a successor to former Secretary Garrison may not be announced for several days.

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GAINED NOTHING**THROUGH ATTACKS**

Attempts of Germans in Artois Driven From Trench They Entered

Paris, Feb. 14.—The following statement was issued by the war office last night:

“In Artois, the day was marked by a series of German attacks extending from Hill 140 as far as the road between Neuville and La Folle.

“In the morning the first attack was made, without result, to the west of Hill 140. In the afternoon, after a violent bombardment of our positions, the enemy attacked at four different points along our front. Three of these attacks were stopped short by our curtain of fire and the fire of our infantry. In the course of the fourth the enemy succeeded in penetrating our first line trench to the west of Hill 140. He was driven out of it by an immediate counter-attack, in which he suffered appreciable losses in dead and wounded.

“A German aeroplane, cannonaded by our batteries, was brought down in flames to the east of Givenchy. South of Arras, an attack with grenades on our works failed.

“East of the Oise, we bombarded the enemy organization in front of Fontenoy. Between Soissons and Rheims the German artillery was particularly active. In the sectors of Soissons, Chassemy and La Poupelle, our curtain of fire-out short actions in the course of preparation.

“In Champagne, in an isolated action between the roads from Navarin and St. Souplet, we made some prisoners. To the east of the road which runs from Tahure westward, the enemy gained a foothold in some sections of the advanced trenches.

“In the Argonne we carried out a destructive fire on the enemy works to the north of Four-de-Paris.

“In Upper Alsace an enemy attack to the east of Sepsels was halted by our artillery fire.”

BULGARIA TRYING**TO ARRANGE PEACE**

London, Feb. 14.—The Exchange Telegraph company received the following dispatch yesterday from Athens:

“It is confirmed in entire circles that Bulgaria made overtures to the entente for a separate peace.”

W. R. DEDEKIND DEAD.

Brunswick, Germany, Feb. 14.—Dr. Wilhelm Richard Dedekind, world-famous as a mathematician, died here on Saturday.

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THE GALLANT ARETHUSA.

The Arethusa, worthy descendant of that "saucy Arethusa" which immortalized herself in the memorable encounter with the Belle Poule, is no more. She was sunk by a mine in the North Sea. Her loss will be deeply regretted, for the little cruiser, true to her name, had covered herself with glory in her short career. It was the Arethusa which, with her sister flotilla leader, the Fearless, and their destroyer satellites, gave battle to a German light cruiser squadron and numerous destroyers in Heligoland Bight on August 28, 1914. At one time the Arethusa was engaged single-handed with three enemy ships, each of which was a thousand tons larger than she. She sank the Mainz, but received some hard knocks before the big battle cruiser Lion arrived and destroyed the Arethusa and the Mainz. Two or three salvos later she and her flotilla sank two German destroyers off the Dutch coast. The Arethusa was only three days off the hands of her builders when she received her baptism of fire. A considerable number of her crew were commissioned about the same time and more have been completed since, so the material loss is slight. Nevertheless Britons will have good reason to mourn the loss of the dashing Arethusa, although the fact that the great majority of her gallant complement escaped in a very consoling feature of the tragedy.

FRIENDS (?) OF THE WORKER.

No doubt the Hon. Lorne Campbell is telling the electorate of Rossland all about the life-long devotion of himself and colleagues to the cause of labor, with especial reference to his chief. We imagine, however, that the electorate are pretty well informed on that point. If they are not they merely need to examine the composition of the present ministry and note the affiliations of its members. The record of Mr. Bowser himself in regard to labor is practically nil. The journals of the legislature afford abundant proof of the bent of his mind on this subject. His sinuous course during the agitation over Oriental immigration and the peculiar affiliations of his law firm at that time are fresh in the public memory. Work ingmen suffered heavily through the collapse of the Dominion Trust; Mr. Bowser was not thinking much about them when that company was throwing out its drag-net. In fact he could not be a friend of labor if he tried. He is a "big interest" man first, last and always. He would not be the head of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge if he were not.

Is Mr. Tisdall a friend of labor? He is an enthusiastic admirer of Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, the moving spirits of the Canadian Collieries, Ltd., who have been allowed to employ Chinese in their mines in contravention of the law, and who will continue to do so as long as there is a Canadian Northern government in power in this province. Has anybody heard the Hon. W. R. Ross and the Hon. Thos. Taylor utter a solitary word in the legislature on this subject or on any other matter which peculiarly affects the interests of labor? And what about Mr. Campbell himself? Rossland knows better than we do how enthusiastic he is about the question. And there is Mr. Flumerfelt, whose sympathies are notorious, especially to those familiar with the progress of the labor movement in the Boundary country. The average imagination is quite capable of forming an accurate picture of the kind of fair play the laboring interests would receive from such a government in the event of a dispute between them and such corporations as the Canadian Collieries, Ltd., the Pacific Great Eastern or the big mining interests of the interior. The most picturesque joke of the day is the spectacle of Mr. Bowser and his colleagues

dangling a workman's compensation act before the electorate on the eve of an election.

AUSTRALIA'S RECORD.

The visit of Hon. William Hughes, Prime Minister of Australia, reminds us of the striking achievements of our sister commonwealth in the war. These have won the ungrudging admiration of the empire. Everybody is aware of the priceless services rendered by the gallant Australian navy—the destruction of the Emden, the seizure of German possessions in the Pacific, the protection of the Australian and New Zealand coasts from bombardment, the conveyance of troops, the safeguarding of the trade routes, and the part it played with the Japanese navy in making the Pacific too hot for von Spee's squadron. It may not be as generally known, although the fact has been stated in the Canadian parliament, that Australian cruisers are on guard off the Canadian Atlantic coast.

One hundred and forty thousand Australian soldiers have been sent overseas and the Prime Minister expects Australia to have 300,000 men under arms by June. How magnificently the sons of the two trans-Pacific dominions have acquitted themselves the records of Gallipoli show. The history of this empire will have no more glorious chapter than the description of the performances of the Anzacs in that abortive campaign. They made heavy sacrifices; their casualties are much greater than ours, but they did not die in vain. The inspiration and moral lessons that will flow from their heroism will easily outweigh the failure of the Gallipoli adventure.

BULGARIA SUING FOR PEACE?

According to a dispatch from Athens, Bulgaria has made overtures to the entente powers for a separate peace. This may have been another of the many unfounded reports that have emanated from the Near East, but it may be taken for granted that if Bulgaria actually has not tried to extricate herself from the predicament in which her crooked ruler involved her she will do so before long. When she entered the war her people were assured that the sole object of her intervention was the reconquest of Serbian Macedonia and that when this was completed she would retire with her laurels. Since then she has made several unpleasant discoveries. She finds herself bound to the Teutonic chariot; she finds herself an enemy not alone of Serbia but of the whole mighty entente; a tool by which Germany forced her chain of communication with Constantinople and an agency for the establishment of Teutonic ascendancy in the Balkan peninsula with the prospect of her conversion from an independent state into a German province. The fetters which bound her to Constantinople, broken by Russia, have been recast and fastened on her by Berlin, through the connivance of her traitorous sovereign, and who can doubt that she would be delivered over to Turkey at the convenience of her new master if he were successful in the war?

Bulgaria has made another startling discovery. She has learned that there are definite limits to Germany's military power. She knows that not only are the central empires unable to secure her in the possession of territory captured by her but they cannot save her from the consequences of her treachery and rashness. She is expected to carry the burden of the Balkan campaign almost entirely upon her own shoulders. She is being urged to undertake an attack on Salonica almost single-handed. The central empires cannot spare more than a handful of soldiers for that secondary theatre. They are outnumbered on the three main fronts and before long the pressure will be so heavy that even the few Teutonic troops now in the Balkans and Asia Minor must be withdrawn. Bulgaria is a small nation. The maximum number of men she could place under arms when the war began was four hundred thousand, and of this one-third have been rendered hors de combat. She is in severe financial straits, she is blockaded, and her resources of equipment, artillery and munitions are relatively meagre. Without effective aid nations of her size are able to conduct war on a large scale for only a few months.

Bulgaria realizes the danger of her position. In the spring she will have to meet an offensive by an army which in numbers and equipment will be superior to her total military strength. That army is almost on her border and within a few miles of the railway which connects Sofia with Constantinople. On the north of her is Roumania, an ancient enemy, whose activities denote an alarming inclination to the side of the entente powers. Roumania is mobilizing on the Danube and along the Carpathians. She has 600,000 men under arms and an available total supply of effectives of 900,000. Beyond Roumania again is Russia—Russia whose power the Bulgars know and who, they know also, never forgives or

forgets treason to the Slav cause. Thus we may well believe that Bulgaria is trying to negotiate a separate peace with the entente allies to avert the punishment she now knows is awaiting her. It is not hard to forecast the terms of such a treaty were the allies disposed to agree to it. The evacuation of every inch of Macedonia and Bulgaria's military assistance in a campaign for the restoration of Serbia will be among them. It would be eminently fitting that Bulgars should be compelled to make sacrifices to regain for Serbia what they helped so materially to take from her. Meanwhile Czar Ferdinand is in Vienna. If it be true that Bulgaria desires peace, Vienna is the safest place for him, and even that sanctuary is only temporarily secure.

A LESSON FOR CANADA.

In the thoroughness and promptitude with which Australia grappled with some of the problems created by the war there is an excellent lesson for Canada. When the struggle began a German combine controlled the metal exports of the country. Notwithstanding the obstacles placed in its way, the government adopted legislation taking entire control of the metal production. Not a pound of copper or lead can leave Australia except in its refined state. Canada produces about eighty per cent. of the world's output of nickel. France controls most of the remainder. Nickel is an essential constituent of the steel out of which warships, fortifications and guns are built. The great bulk of the Canadian production is sent abroad, where it is refined. It is controlled by several trusts which operate largely in the United States. Had Mr. Hughes and his colleagues been in charge of this Dominion's affairs they probably would have prohibited the export of nickel from Canada to all but Great Britain and her allies. Eastern newspapers and public men urged that this be done, but the government went no farther than to secure an undertaking from the nickel combine that none of the product after being exported from Canada would go to the central empires. Obviously Canada takes long chances by such an arrangement. What actual assurance has she that none of her nickel is being smuggled into Germany? If this extraordinary powerful combination of pro-Germans in the United States commanded by von Bernstorff can get within arm's length of Canadian products once they leave this country it is fairly certain that some will find their way across the Atlantic. Mr. Hughes pointed out that Germanism must be fought wherever it is met. "We must cut out every fibre of Germany," he says. "We must cut out every power and influence she exercised before the war." This is true. We cannot afford to make concessions to any influence that can be made of use to our barbaric foe.

Apparently von Bursdorf, as American newspapers delight to call the German ambassador at Washington as a tribute to his connection with the various incendiary and assassination agencies which he directs, has the statement of the capital completely hypnotized. President Wilson was terribly incensed when the Lusitania was torpedoed without warning other than that given by public advertisement in the press at the instigation of the German embassy. He described the act as barbarous, inhuman, etc., and notified Berlin that it would be held to "strict accountability." But the marvelous hypnotic powers of the Teutonic ambassador appear to have changed completely the point of view of Washington. We should not be surprised at all to read any day a dispatch from Washington announcing that after due deliberation and consultation Wilson and Lansing have reached the conclusion that the destruction of the Lusitania was an act of necessity owing to the changed conditions of modern warfare. Indeed Mr. Lansing's suggestion to the powers regarding the changes that have come over naval warfare since the advent of submarines might reasonably be followed by advice to all merchant skippers that they see a submarine in the offing, instead of attempting to run away or defend themselves, is to hail the pirate and instantly surrender themselves to his tender mercies. Henceforth nothing that emanates from Washington need surprise anyone.

Prime Minister Briand of France undoubtedly gets results. He has induced Italy to adopt measures prohibiting the importation of products of any kind from Germany. Curiously enough trade exchanges between Italy and Germany had not been discontinued, and a considerable amount of German products found their way to the outside world through that channel. Now the outlet is sealed. A declaration of war between the two countries would seem to be inevitable.

The morning paper predicts that Mr. Flumerfelt will be elected by a majority that will reach

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four figures. To the average voter who knows that the total number of voters in the city does not exceed four figures this prediction at first blush might be somewhat puzzling. What is meant, however, is that "the boss" will try to repeat their old tricks in the interests of Mr. Flumerfelt, who describes himself in the Montreal Star as a believer in "clean politics." The Manitoba Liberals, however, discovered an ingenious way of dealing with pluggers, repeaters and their kind, and we predict an interesting time for the gentry who try crooked election tactics here.

According to the Boston Transcript the status of the Appam has not yet been determined by Washington. The matter is engaging the attention of the authorities there, with von Bernstorff probably laying down all the fine points of the law. She is to be held, we are told, for the Germans, under the old treaty of 1825 with Prussia. But the same treaty provides that the permission thus given to Prussia is subject to arrangements made by treaty with Great Britain, and the treaty with Great Britain provides for the return of just such prizes if they are brought into port by any enemy ship. Perhaps it is the intention of Mr. Lansing to hold the Appam for Germany and release her for Great Britain.

Another black eye for British Columbia. A Canadian Northern passenger train has been snowbound in the mountains for more than three weeks. Goodness knows when Sir Donald and Sir William will succeed in digging it out. The few passengers on it were rescued by means of wire cable strung across the Fraser river and equipped with a basket. In this manner communication was opened up with the P. R. and the long-imprisoned passengers conveyed to the coast. This is the road which was touted by the Colonist to work a transformation and create a super-boom in British Columbia. In the meantime what of the Patricia Bay line and the extension to Alberni?

Lord Northcliffe says he will not accept the post of minister of aviation in the Asquith cabinet because there are others better qualified than he is, and also because he would not have anything to do with a "defensive war." It is something of a far to learn of the existence in England of any considerable element so disturbed in mind over the fortunes of the war as to want a yellow journalist to help run things. The agitators who are trying to make Northcliffe dictator ought to be reminded that France still has the direction of the war on land, and is mainly responsible for the allies' military strategy.

This has been a winter of tribulation for golfers. They have been accustomed to wield their sticks and give vent to their pent-up feelings all the year round in this favored portion of the continent; but for once the weather has been inconsiderate. However, the greens are beginning to show again, and it may be many years before such another season is experienced. A

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SKIRT STYLES

Costume skirts are to be worn quite full and with flare effect. Some models have cleverly designed side pleats, while others are plain gored, gathered and plain backs. High waist lines are shown and some models have shoulder straps, giving jumper effect. The patch pockets and yoke effects are again in evidence with certain style suits.

SUIT TRIMMINGS

Trimmings once again play an important part. The most noticeable perhaps being on coat collars, which are finished with silks in plain shades of a contrasting color or fancy design. Some of the better and more expensive models having high grade silk braid effects in light shades. Fancy colored and two-tone buttons are used extensively for trimming down front of coat and on sleeves.

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HIS FIRST FAG.

He was a very little boy. He sat upon a log. His smudgy face was red of joy. A mixed-up kind of dog sat at his feet, and seemed to be a deal more woebegone than he. The small boy was a bilious white, with a sort of cream; and in his fingers, still alight, He held a "smoke." A dream of ancient horrors seemed to fly Across his weak, blue, sodden eye.

"What ails you, Thomas John?" I said; "Why does your spirit sag?" Oh, wearily he shook his head, And offered me the fag. "Please go," he gasped, "and send a cart—I think it must be smother's heart!" —Sydney Bulletin.

TELLING THE PEOPLE.

Rochester (N. Y.) Union Advertiser. Before President Wilson shall have done with this trip through the Middle West the people of this country will know far better than they know before how critical is the position of this country in world politics. They will know that we may be involved in war at any moment, through some slight change in the existing situation. President Wilson is not a nervous man. He is not a man easily frightened. He does not often see things as they are not. He has probably a better knowledge than any other one man of the exact situation, as regards our relations with the belligerent nations of Europe. He has no object in making the situation appear worse than it is. When he says, therefore, that it is critical, he commands belief. And if it is critical now, why may it not be as critical at some time in the future? And if it is critical now and may be in the future, why not prepare to meet that which may come if the situation turns toward the unfavorable side?

KULTUR'S WORK.

New York Sun. The suggestion that agents of Germany mined and destroyed the houses of parliament in Ottawa was not instantly rejected. It caused no surprise. It was not

incredible to the people of Canada and of the United States. And this is the super-tragedy of the mysterious fire in which two women and three men, all of them civilians, lost their lives.

But how could this bloody, repugnant thing be to every instinct of humane men, be brushed aside as unbelievable? The unnecessary destruction of public monuments, the killing of non-combatants, the murder of women and children; these things have been established as the policy of Germany, that policy which is designed by its frightfulness to establish her dominion, to compel obedience to her mandates and, eventually, to win for her that love which is the aim of her ordered barbarities.

It may be that no German mind inspired this outrage. The fact has not been proved. Yet to German sympathizers whose reasoning faculties have not been

hopelessly impaired the significance conveyed by the toleration of the charge, even for an instant, in impartial minds must be apparent.

"DENYING THE NATION."

Chicago Tribune.

"When pacifists deny the need of self-defence they are denying the nation. They are discarding the fundamental principle upon which the United States was built. Although they are inclined to deny in its stead a kind of internationalism which may some day come to pass, they are for throwing aside the means by which such internationalism as now exists was brought into being. Our pacifists have denied the United States more than thirty times. We do not call them traitors, any more than Peter was called a traitor. But we hope that the cock will not crow too late.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 14, 1891.

It has been decided that President Harrison of the United States will visit California and Puget Sound points early in the ensuing spring, and there is every probability that the chief executive of one of the greatest nations of the world will pay Victoria city a visit.

Messrs. Elford and Smith, the contractors who are building the new four-story brick block for Mr. R. T. Williams on Broad street, are making good progress, and the building gives promise of a fine and beautiful block.

The contract for the Five Sisters block at the corner of Government and Fort streets, has been awarded to G. C. Mesher, at a cost of nearly \$100,000. Sorby & Russell drew the plans, and will superintend construction.

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W. A. to Missions.—St. John's branch of the Women's Auxiliary to Missions will hold its regular meeting in the guild room on Tuesday afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Marshal of Admiralty Court.—The position of marshal of the Admiralty court here, which has been vacant for some months, has been filled by the appointment of Sheriff F. G. Richards.

Anti-Tuberculosis Society.—The regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis society will be held in the Alexandra committee room on Tuesday, February 15, at 11 a.m.

Woman's Benefit Assn.—Baxter Review, No. 8, of the Woman's Benefit association will hold its regular business meeting at 7:30 on Monday evening, Feb. 14 in the Foresters' hall, Broad street.

Sidney Patriotic Fund.—Despite the prolonged snow blockade in the Sidney district for the 130 weeks ending February 10 the sum of \$53.50 was collected for the patriotic fund, this bringing the total subscriptions to date for that collection to the handsome amount of \$2,158.60.

Clearing Branch Lines.—The Alberni extension of the E. & N. has been cleared by a snowplow crew and trains are now running on time again on that branch. The Cowichan Lake branch will be clear to-day, when all the services of the pioneer Island railway will once more be at normal.

Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church, which was postponed two weeks ago, will be held on Thursday, commencing at 8 p.m. All organizations connected with the church will present their reports, and new members will be elected to the board of management. A large attendance is expected.

To Hold Social.—Victoria Review, No. 1, Woman's Benefit Association of the Macaabee, will hold a social masquerade dance on Feb. 17 in the K. of C. hall, Fort street. Prof. Heaton will furnish the music and light refreshments will be served. Dancing will start at 8:30 p.m., doors to open at 8. Members of Baxter No. 8, Queen Alexandra, No. 11, and all friends are welcome. Five prizes will be given, as follows: Best fancy costume, lady and gentleman; patriotic costume, lady and gentleman; advertising, lady or gentleman.

Fifth Regiment Band.—The Fifth Regiment band presented their patrons last evening with a splendid programme, outstanding in the items of which were the solos by Mrs. Jesse Longfield, a favorite contralto of Victoria concert-goers. She was in exceptionally fine voice last evening, and her rendering of Alex. Coates' "Awake, O Zion," with "Roses by Summer Fountains" for an encore, was an artistic accomplishment. "A number which she gives with particular fine spirit is "Angus McDonald," for an encore to which she sang "A Chain of Roses." Corporal Willis was the other soloist of the evening, giving a clarinet rendering of "Turkey in the Straw," a humorous selection which invariably pleases when interpreted with such skill. Rimmer's Air Variations, "Eventide," was one of the most successful of the band numbers and was very heartily applauded as was the grand selection from "Lucia di Lammermoor," another request number on this "Request Sunday" programme. Bandmaster Smith as usual conducted, and Jesse Longfield acted capably as accompanist. Next Sunday the band will present at its usual weekly concert a baritone new to Victoria audiences, viz., Mr. Butterworth.

CHARGE IS DISMISSED.

Roy Wickham Found Not to Be Guilty of Assault Upon a Hindu.

When the case of assault, in which Roy Wickham was charged with having struck Genda Singh while the latter was walking along the street on the evening of February 4, was heard by Magistrate Jay in police court to-day it became apparent that the Hindu was mistaken as to who had struck him, and the charge was dismissed.

Genda Singh was his own only witness. He stated that he had been walking on Douglas street, near Flagstaff street, and tried to pass ahead of accused and a companion. The companion put out a leg to trip him and he grasped at the accused to steady himself. Accused knocked him down and both men struck at him, on the face and chest, accused telling his companion to strike him.

Wickham told the court that he and his friend were walking home when they heard a scuffle behind them. Looking back they saw a white man and a Hindu struggling, and he separated them, releasing the Hindu's hold on the white man's hair.

James Rainey corroborated this testimony.

Place for Concert Changed.—The social arranged by the Young Men's Institute to be given in the Knights of Columbus hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 17, will be held instead in the Y. M. I. hall, View street, on that date.

Ward One Liberals.—A meeting of the members of the Ward and Liberal association is called for this evening in the Ward One room at Liberal headquarters, Spencer Arcade building, Broad and View streets.

Board of Trade Council.—There will be a meeting of the council of the board of trade to-morrow morning at half-past ten o'clock, to clear up a number of matters that have been accumulating on the secretary's file.

Paid Visit Here.—J. E. Rourke, Comptroller of the Dominion currency, was here on an official visit on Sunday, leaving again for the mainland with General Superintendent Peters, of the C. P. R., by the night boat.

11th C. M. R. Band Concert.—The 11th C. M. R. band concert, held yesterday at the Variety theatre, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Slater, was very successful. There was a large crowd in attendance, and both the band and the assisting vocalists were enthusiastically encored.

Visiting Havana.—Friends of Dr. J. J. Millar, of St. Patrick street, Oak Bay, who was the organizer of the Civic labor bureau here, will be interested to hear that the doctor and Mrs. Millar are now at Havana, Cuba, after wintering in Florida. The doctor expects to return to Victoria in April or May.

Schools Reopen.—The city schools, which, with the exception of the High school, have been closed since February 2, reopened to-day with good attendances. The evening classes will resume to-night, with the single exception of the gasoline class, the instructor of which is still absent on account of illness. He hopes, however, to be at the garage on Wednesday evening.

Storms of North America.—At the Girls' Central school to-morrow night, F. Napier Denison will lecture under the auspices of the Royal Astronomical society on "The Weather and Storms of North America." This lecture is particularly timely in view of the recent abnormal conditions which have been experienced by the citizens of Victoria, and it is anticipated that great interest will be taken by the public in the slides which Mr. Denison will have to give on the origin and movements of storms which affect the continent. A general invitation is extended to any of the public who may care to attend the proceedings, which will commence at 8 o'clock.

Venus and Jupiter.—For several evenings past in the somewhat rare intervals when the western sky has cleared sufficiently have appeared in apparently close proximity two brilliant heavenly bodies which have excited very general interest among stargazers. These are the two planets, Venus and Jupiter. The former is the more westerly and the more brilliant of the two. Always relatively close to the sun she has been rising in the western sky, and at the present time has reached a point where she is very near Jupiter, although this is only apparent and not actual. As a matter of fact the mean distance of Venus from the sun is 67,300,000 miles, and the mean distance of Jupiter from the sun is 483,000,000 miles. Venus at her nearest approach to the earth is still 24,500,000 miles distant, and Jupiter at the nearest is 367,200,000. Mr. Denison at the Observatory at Gonzales Heights has been besieged with inquiries about the two bright planets now visible in the western sky. Some of the amateur weather prophets are trying to find some association between the juxtaposition of these two important planets and the abnormal weather conditions of the past few weeks. But astronomers do not concede this.

ANNUAL MEETING OF LIBERALS OF CITY

Nomination of Candidate for By-election Will Also Take Place Wednesday Night

The annual meeting of the Victoria Liberal association will be held in the Knights of Pythias hall, North Park street, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

This meeting was originally called for February 4, but had to be cancelled owing to the storm of that week making roads impassable and tending to militate against the full and representative gathering that is desired on that occasion. The wisdom of the change of date is acknowledged by all Liberals, although it seems to have caused pecksniffian regrets in some Conservative quarters, where the yoke shown by the opposition is creating grave fear of coming defeat for the minister of finance.

At the annual meeting officers will be elected for the coming twelve months, to carry on the work so well continued during the past year. The officers will be assisted by a strong executive, and in the several wards those will be seconded by the active and energetic executive chosen at the recent annual meetings of the wards.

An important item of business of the annual meeting will be the choice of a candidate in the Liberal interests to contest the by-election against Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt. That this will be the senior of the four candidates now in the field for the general elections, H. C. Brewster, the capable and esteemed leader of the party, is the general expectation of the Liberals of the city. No other name is being mentioned for the candidacy than his, and he will have the whole-hearted support of every member of the party in the city and of a host of electors of other parties who are desirous of bringing about clean government in the province.

Every member of each of the ward associations is asked to attend the annual meeting, and all who desire to affiliate themselves with the association may secure their cards of membership at the door on the evening of the meeting if they have not got these in advance from their ward secretaries.

HIS FIRST FIRE

Chief Davis Has Interesting Recollections of St. Valentine's Day, 1890, When Toronto University Was Destroyed.

Twenty-six years ago to-day Fire Chief Davis attended his first fire, which was when the University of Toronto was destroyed.

The loss at this famous fire was \$500,000. Preparations had been made for the annual convocation, at which 300 people were expected to be present, and it was just before the guests commenced to arrive that the fire occurred.

The building was not supplied with enough gas jets, and on special occasions it was necessary to light up with lamps. Two men were engaged carrying up the stairs half a dozen lamps to be put on the chandeliers, when one dropped his burden. The lighted lamps slipped, the oil spilling over the stairs and down on the heavily oiled floor. All the buildings, including the library, were destroyed. One domestic was severely, but not fatally injured in the fire. The fire alarm equipment was defective, and the nearest hydrant being 1,000 feet away.

A striking feature of the fire was the fall of the 3,000-pound bell in the main tower. When the tower fell the bell came crashing with it, sounding the death knell of the building, which had been erected 30 years before. Mr. Davis had been two days with the department as a fireman when the great university fire took place. For two years prior to that time he had been in the department as driver.

CHARGE IS SERIOUS

Chinese House-Boy Accused of an Offence Against Girl Employed in Same Place.

A charge of a most serious nature, involving an offence against a young girl, has been laid against a Chinese house-boy, Yee Ban Gong, and is being investigated in the police court to-day by Magistrate Jay.

Yee was given in charge by the mistress of the girl at a quarter past two o'clock on Sunday morning to Constable Simmons, and was taken to the police station.

Yesterday, while the trustees were being let out of the jail door to do the daily scrubbing of floors about police headquarters, Yee made a break for liberty, trying to slip past the constable on guard. In this he was unsuccessful.

This morning the preliminary hearing into the charge was begun and is being continued this afternoon. He is being defended by J. Percival Walla. The evidence of the girl and her employer was clear and strongly against the prisoner.

Purple Star Lodge.—The regular meeting of Purple Star lodge, No. 104, L. O. B. A., will be held in the Orange hall, Yates street, on Wednesday at 7:30.

Independent Order of Foresters.—Companion Court "Far West," No. 279, will meet to-morrow evening at the home of Companion Proctor, 563 David street.

St. Mary's Guild.—The annual meeting of St. Mary's guild will be held at the residence of Mrs. Crease, 915 Fowling road, on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 15, at 3 o'clock.

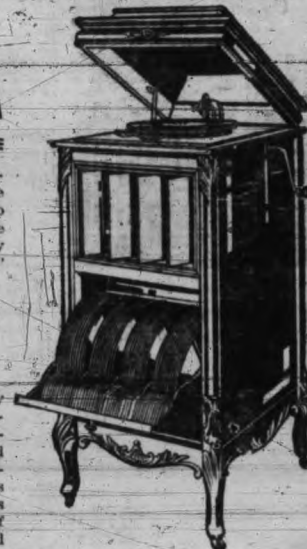
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All personal items sent by mail for
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and address of the sender.A. Rey, of Duncan, is at the Domini-
on hotel.F. Byles, of Sooke, is a guest of the
Dominion.O. D. Roberts, of Nanaimo, is at the
Dominion.R. Archibald is staying at the Hotel
Strathcona.A. Cliff, of Saanich, is registered at
the Dominion.Chas. S. Claringbould is staying at
the Hotel Strathcona.J. D. McLeod, of Prince Rupert, is at
the Hotel Strathcona.C. C. Coughlin, of Seattle, is a guest
of the Dominion hotel.W. A. Bush, of San Diego, Cal., is a
guest at the Empress hotel.Mrs. Gledhill, of Port Alberni, is reg-
istered at the Dominion hotel.M. G. Tidbury, of Portage la Prairie,
is a guest of the Dominion hotel.C. J. Hawkes, from San Francisco,
is staying at the Hotel Strathcona.J. F. Atkinson has arrived from Coult-
er, Man., at the Hotel Strathcona.Donald Hsiao, of Dafoe, Sask., is a
new arrival at the Dominion hotel.E. Sharpe, of J. K. Muir, of Toronto,
arrived at the Empress hotel yester-
day.Mrs. R. Smith and her son, Neil K.
Smith, of Tyee, are registered at the
Dominion.Wm. Rankin and family, of No-
komis, Sask., are stopping at the Do-
minion hotel.M. J. Haley and J. L. McCoy, of Ot-
tawa, were among yesterday's arrivals
at the Dominion hotel.Wm. H. Knowles, engineer at Ban-
field creek cable station, is registered
at the Dominion hotel.A. Blackburn and Mrs. Blackburn
have arrived at the Hotel Strathcona
from Salt Spring Island.F. F. Zimmerman, of Seattle, regis-
tered for himself and Mrs. Zimmerman
at the Hotel Strathcona.Among the Seattle arrivals regis-
tered at the Empress hotel yesterday
were Mrs. J. C. Jeffery and Mrs. D.
Macdonald.Miss Emma McCandlish, 422 Menzies
street, wishes to thank her numerous
friends for telegrams and greetings
sent her for her seventy-fifth birthday,
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ADDRESS ON PROHIBITION

Rev. A. E. Smith Made Interesting
Speech Before Supporters of Move-
ment in Old Victoria Theatre.

An interesting address was given in
the interests of the People's Prohibition
movement in the Old Victoria the-
atre on Saturday evening by Rev. A. E.
Smith. At the outset he stated that
wherever his present itinerary had
taken him he had found the people of
British Columbia much interested in
social reconstruction, and eager, he
said, for a chance to render an un-
equivocal verdict on the issue of pro-
hibition.

Everything that made for construc-
tive legislation, the speaker resumed,
ought to receive the unanimous sup-
port of all sane-minded people, but
against anything reactionary they
ought to press the strongest opposition.
The most favorable sign of the day, he
said, was that people were discon-
ted. There was abroad a strong sym-
pathy for the man without a home and
without a country. The strongest so-
cial force at work, to-day, he pointed

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out, was the tendency to community
action, which was rapidly gaining a
sense of its own power. Boards of
trade, Trades and Labor councils—the
army itself—were types of community
action.

It was this tendency to community
action, Rev. Mr. Smith remarked,
which spelt the downfall of the pre-
datory elements of society. It would
slowly draw the teeth of every monop-
olizing force, and it was the duty of
all to see that its force was properly
directed.

The speaker added that it was the
object of the prohibitionists to take
hold of a monopoly which was dan-
gerous to every child, to every woman,
and to every useful institution in the
state. "Community action," he believed,
would drive the liquor interests out of
North America.

Canada to-day, he believed, was con-
fronted with two propositions. The
first was the accumulated waste of
years, and the second the inescapable
debt she had shouldered in the great
war. "Unless a change was made to
pay this debt would mean half the
bread, half the potatoes and half the
salt from the poor man's table. But it
would take nothing from the tables of
the rich."

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Vic-
toria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 14, 5 a.m.—The barometer
is abnormally low over Northern B. C.
and mild weather is general eastward to
Alberta, while southward to California
the weather is very mild and more, gain
has fallen.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and
southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with
rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, un-
settled and mild, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.19; temperature,
maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 40;
wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .67; weather,
cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.20; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum,
42; wind, 5 miles E.; rain, .85; weather,
rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.28; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 41; minimum,
34; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.09; tempera-
ture, maximum yesterday, 32; minimum,
30; wind, 22 miles S. W.; snow, .20; weath-
er, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.56; tem-
perature, maximum yesterday, 41; mini-
mum, 36; wind, 24 miles S. E.; rain, .49;
weather, rain.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Cranbrook	29	23
Tatooch	48	41
Portland, Ore.	46	38
Seattle	38	30
San Francisco	66	56
Nelson	29	23
Calgary	32	22
Edmonton	44	24
Qu'Appelle	16	16
Winnipeg	16	16
Toronto	18	18
Ottawa	5	5
Montreal	5	5
Halifax	14	14

Victoria Daily Weather.
Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5
p.m., Saturday.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	43	33
Lowest	33	28
Average	38	28
Minimum on grass	28	28
Maximum in sun	57	32
Bright sunshine, 6 hours and 6 minutes.		
General state of weather, fair.		
Observations taken 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m., Sunday.		

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
Highest	46	37
Lowest	37	32
Average	41	32
Minimum on grass	32	32
Maximum in sun	57	32
Bright sunshine, 18 minutes.		
General state of weather, cloudy.		

A minister went to visit a poor wo-
man in Scotland who had just lost her
husband. He tried to speak consolingly
to her by pointing out that the de-
ceased was in a much happier state.
"Just think, my good woman," said the
worthy divine, "your dear husband is
perhaps at this moment playing on a
harp." "Na, na," interrupted the sob-
bing widow, "McRie said that'll do
his rheumatism, sittin' on a cauld
cloud blawin' a trumpet."

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Obsolete Customs Marking Name Day
of Roman Bishop Referred to
by Shakespeare.

Throughout the storied pages of lit-
erature the name of the Roman bishop
martyr after whom St. Valentine's day
is called constantly recurs, chiefly in
connection with the festival of the
Lupercalia, some of the rules of which
were transferred to the celebration of
the Christian martyr's days in the
transition from pagan to Christian civi-
lization.

Twice Shakespeare alludes to the day,
while many other poets have rhymed
references to St. Valentine in their
works. Valentines now have become
almost as obsolete as the memories of
Twelfth Night or Candlemas day, al-
though the traditions which cluster
round the association of eventful days
in the calendar usually die hard, and
in dying leave a record scattered
through the works of contemporary
writers.

Charles Lamb, in his essay on the
subject, exclaims, "Hail to thy re-
turning festival, old Bishop Valentine.
Great is thy name in the rustic thou-
sander of Archdeacon of Hymen! Im-
mortal Go-between, who and what
manner of person art thou? Art thou
but a name, typifying the restless prin-
ciple which impels human beings to
seek perfection in union? Or wert thou
indeed a mortal prelate with thy tip-
pet and thy rocket, thy apron on, and
decent lawn sleeves? Mysterious per-
sonage. Like unto thee assuredly there
is no mitred father in the calendar.
Not Jerome, nor Ambrose, not Cyril,
nor the consignor of unlovely infants to
eternal torments, Austin, whom all
mothers hate, nor he who
hated all mothers, Origen; nor
Bishop Bull, nor Archbishop Parker,
nor Whitgift. Thou comest attended
with thousands and ten thousands of
little lives and the air is brushed with
the hiss of rustling wings. Singing
Cupids are thy choirleaders and thy
preceptors; and instead of the crossier,
the mystical arrow is borne before
thee."

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NORMAL WEATHER

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The steamy fog which hung about
the city this morning may really be
taken as an indication of the return of
normal weather. The drifting humid
blanket is due to the passage of warm
air currents over the cold snow areas
which have been left from the heavy
snow storms of a fortnight ago. Var-
ying temperatures are usually respon-
sible for fog, and probably as long as
the snow lasts there will continue to be
something of the same atmospheric
conditions.

The thermometer for the whole pro-
vince and across the mountains into
Alberta registers considerably higher
temperatures than it has for some time
past. Yesterday the eastern slopes of
the Rockies and the foothills west of
Calgary experienced a chinook which
licked up the snow in surprisingly
quick time, the mercury touching 52
degrees. Locally the temperature went
up to 46 during yesterday, the mini-
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piles of snow along the streets, thaw-
ing went on, the minimum touched by
the mercury up to 5 o'clock this morn-
ing being eight degrees above freezing
point. With this came rain, during the
twenty-four hours ending at that time
37 inch falling.

The barometer is high to the south
and low to the north. Storms and
heavy rains have been experienced at
Prince Rupert, and at the other ex-
tremes of the Pacific coast, California,
it is warm, the temperature having
gone up past the 50 mark during the
past twenty-four hours.

One of a party left the corner seat in
an already crowded carriage to go in
search of something to eat, leaving a
rug to reserve his place. Returning, he
found that, in spite of the rug and the
protest of his fellow passengers, the
seat had been usurped by a well-
dressed woman. With flashing eyes she
turned upon him when he remonstrat-
ed. "Do you know, sir, that I am one

of the directors' wives?" "Madam," he
replied, "were you the director's only
wife, I should still protest."

It appears to be your record, Mary
Moselle, said the magistrate, "that you
have been thirty-five times convicted of
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pect that is right. No woman is per-
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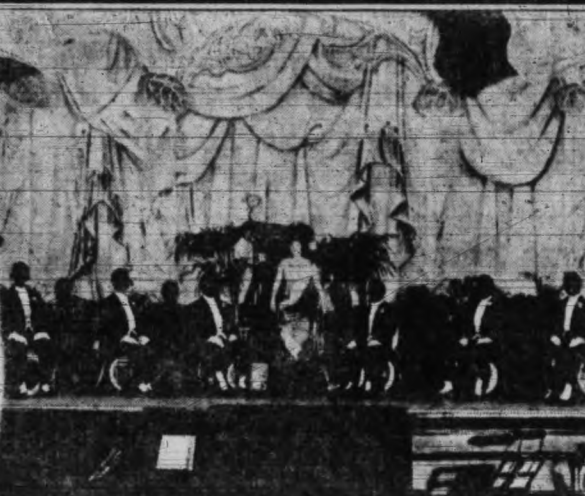
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"THE ALSTER CASE"

"The Alster Case," which is the feature film at the Royal Victoria for the first three days of this week, is an absorbing mystery story in five acts that holds the spectators' attention in eager expectancy until the final scenes unravel it. The complications put moving pictures to a severe test in the effort to make the story clear to the observer, and at the same time to cast an air of mystery over that which is to follow, so that the real culprit is not discovered to the end. The feat is accomplished without any lavish use of subtleties, which, in this particular instance, are avoided by much painstaking thought and careful direction. The play is produced by a strong cast headed by Bryant Washburn, Jno. H. Cosser and Miss Ruth Stonehouse.



DOMINION THEATRE.

If you have smiled unconsciously in response to the irresistible smile of Hazel Dawn as she appeared before you on the motion picture screen in former famous Players productions, her next appearance in "My Lady Incog," which is the Paramount picture at the Dominion, will be a revelation. As Nell Carroll in this thrilling comedy-drama, Miss Dawn does the best work of her motion picture career.

Nell Carroll is a Southern girl of good birth and fine breeding, who suddenly discovers that her old home is mortgaged to the limit and will be lost if she cannot raise the money to meet the obligations. She has never been trained for any specific work, but finally obtains employment in a detective agency.

Several big robberies have been committed on the huge summer estates in one of the fashionable summer colonies and the agency is requested to handle the case. It is evident that it is an "inside" job—that is, that someone in the household, either a servant or a guest, is doing the stealing. There is only one way to work against such people, and that is to fight them from the inside. Accordingly, Nell Carroll is sent to the town where she is heralded in the papers as the Baroness Du Vassey. Mrs. De Veaux, whose home seems the logical place for the next big haul, calls upon the "baroness" and invites her to her house, little suspecting that she is a detective.

In a very short time the girl finds strong evidence that points to Mrs. De Veaux's own son Teddy as the thief. Despite the fact that she is becoming greatly interested in him, she decides to do her duty and lays a trap for him. Meanwhile Rene Ladal, the real crook, becoming suspicious of the authenticity of Nell's title, decides to outface her, and presents himself at the De Veaux home as the Baron Du Vassey. Holst by her own petard! Nell

does not know whether she has stumbled upon a real name in selecting the "baroness" title or whether she is facing another impostor. But, after a thrilling encounter with her "husband" and a wildly hectic midnight scene in the De Veaux home, many unexplained mysteries are made very clear to the amateur detective.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

With a noted aggregation of burnt cork artists topping the bill and two other acts of unquestioned headline calibre vying for premier honors, the new array of talent which opens, with to-day's matinee at the Pantages, is sure to provide splendid entertainment for Pantages patrons. Norine Carmen's minstrel, a sumptuously staged and costumed minstrel first part, presented by some of the best-known minstrel and end-men on the stage to-day, is to have the position of honor on the lineup of talent this week. Miss Carmen herself acts as interlocutor and fills that position charmingly, while the songs and dances of the eight men of her company are all of recent vintage as well as the abundance of comedy that is intermingled in the act. Miss Grace Cameron, late musical comedy star, who has also achieved fame as one of vaudeville's most eccentric and successful comedienne, will be another headline feature for this week's show. Miss Cameron has been out west before as the star of her own company in "Little Dolly Dimples," a very successful musical comedy. She is noted for her original and refreshing methods of presenting her own original song creations. She has a captivating style combined with a pleasing personality and a voice that is both sweet and splendidly trained. A third stellar act will be Capt. Bett's trained seals, or rather a whole happy family of trained animals. This remarkable animal organization includes half a dozen seals, monkeys, dogs, roosters and a bear. It is the only act of its kind

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woman's special ills, and have a constant fear of breaking
down, the three following letters ought to bring hope:—



North Crandon, Wis. — "When I was 16 years old I got married and at 18 years I gave birth to twins and it left me with very poor health. I could not walk across the floor without having to sit down to rest and it was hard for me to keep about and do my work. I went to a doctor and he told me I had a displacement and ulcers, and would have to have an operation. This frightened me so much that I did not know what to do. Having heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I thought I would give it a trial and it made me as well as ever. I cannot say enough in favor of the Pinkham remedies."—Mrs. MAYME ASBACH, North Crandon, Wis.

Testimony from Oklahoma.

Lawton, Okla. — "When I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I seemed to be good for nothing. I tired easily and had headaches much of the time and was irregular. I took it again before my little child was born and it did me a wonderful amount of good at that time. I never fail to recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all women because it has done so much for me."—Mrs. A. L. McCASLAND, 509 Have St., Lawton, Okla.

From a Grateful Massachusetts Woman.

Roxbury, Mass. — "I was suffering from inflammation and was examined by a physician who found that my trouble was caused by a displacement. My symptoms were bearing down, pains, backache, and sluggish liver. I tried several kinds of medicine; then I was asked to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has cured me and I am pleased to be in my usual good health by using it and highly recommend it."—Mrs. B. M. Osgood, 1 Haynes Park, Roxbury, Mass.

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1870, to feel and remember the intoxication of victory, not to see anything of the price paid for it. In the years of his development, his intellect was manifold, but merely skin-deep. His professors, as Mr. Hammer shows, "stood aghast" at the conceptions of German history and politics which he contrived to extract from their teachings. "He very early spun around himself a chrysalis of monarchist-romanticism more suited to the twelfth than to the nineteenth century." His unbounded self-confidence and restless energy were reinforced by an absolutely medieval faith in his divine calling and election. His personal vanity merged itself in the gigantic national vanity of which he became the resonant mouthpiece. Endowed with eager curiosity and superficial quickness of apprehension, he succeeded in keeping abreast of the material developments of his time, and was blind and deaf only to its finer ideals, its loftier aspirations. In all his multitudinous speeches, says Mr. Hammer, there is not the smallest moral or spiritual enrichment for humanity.

No one will carry away from them an impression of that modesty of character which is one of the most infallible tokens of spiritual greatness. No one will learn from them the difficult art of self-criticism, or enrich his political knowledge with a single idea, has fancy with a single image. They are like a barren parade-ground on which words and phrases in full uniform go through a series of cut-and-dried evolutions.

The curious thing is that though intellectual Germany has been under no illusion as to the shallowness of his endowment—though his speculative incompetence is a mockery and his aesthetic ineptitude a by-word—though there have been, as we know, some serious movements of rebellion against the flighty irresponsibility of his political conduct—yet he somehow retained, and perhaps still retains, the enthusiastic devotion of the great mass of his subjects. Mr. Hammer accounts for this by showing that he is a perfect representative of the more vulgar aspects of German ambition: "It has flattered the self-esteem of his countrymen to know that their kaiser was the most discussed of the world's potentates. . . . He represents the spirit of the age—its perseverance, its self-advertisement, its smartness, its competitive eagerness, and not least its firelessness in making and breaking records. He is the notion's referee, who follows it all the world over, stop-watch in hand, and declares the results; and he is at the same time the champion monarch, who has long held the world's record in sensations, and already in the first lap easily spurred ahead of half-a-score of his royal 'cousins.'"

Furthermore, there is doubtless a not inconsiderable residue of his subjects who are seriously impressed by his religious phrase-making. "Since the days of Moses the world has witnessed no such confidential familiarity between the Creator and one of his creatures." The Actor and the Stage. Did he deliberately will the war? Mr. Hammer thinks not, but adds that from the very beginning of his reign he has been unconsciously working up to it. His mind has demonstrably gone through a development in the direc-

tion of war—evidently a painful development, accompanied by doubts and inward struggles, but one which took inexorable hold of this creature of impulse who has palmed himself off as a strong personality on a whole generation of credulous contemporaries. The very success with which the illusion has been maintained shows a certain sort of genius—a histrionic gift of no mean order. The pity is that this sublimely self-confident actor should have taken the centre of the stage just when the German people was in the mood to let itself be hypnotized by his histrionics.

Had Robert Browning been alive to-day he would doubtless have made William II. unpack his soul in a monologue of some fifty thousand lines, tracing with analytic subtleties and barbed-wire entanglements of style. But the subtleties would have been wasted. There is no real problem in the war-lord's character. His impulses are not contradictory, but perfectly consistent with one another. Up to a certain point, he was content with the glory of seeming to lead his people to a high pitch of peaceful prosperity. But, though humor is not his strong point, he can never have been insensible to the element of absurdity in the position of the warrior who is always rattling his sabre but never draws it. With the facile triumphs of his delirious grandfather always before his eyes, with the mighty war-machine read to his hand—he would have been nothing less than a saint had he resisted to the end the temptation to take his place among the conquerors. He was not a saint; he was only a narrow-minded, not ill-meaning morbid, on whom the accident of birth had conferred a power of evil-doing such as no human being ought ever to possess. The real fault lies in the stupidity of the world which subjects its destinies to such accidents of birth.

THE WONDER.

The failure was dying. No one was at his bedside to watch with him as he passed away. All his life he had failed. He had been constantly irritated to those who sought to love him and a source of trouble and annoyance. He had failed in his obligations, had never met any crisis with courage, had plunged into debt disgraced his family, lost his self-respect, been hunted and alone. And now at last he lay dying.

And as he lay there a kind and sympathetic soul, more charitable than the rest, came up to him at last and said: "Perhaps I can do something for you?"

"Nothing."

"But there is a question in your face. You are wondering."

"Yes," replied the Failure, "I was wondering after I am gone—just how they will manage without me."—Life.

Pat was busy working with his coat off. There were two Englishmen laboring on the same road, so they decided to have a joke with the Irishman. They painted a donkey's head on the back of Pat's coat and watched him put it on. Pat, of course, saw the donkey's head on his coat, and turning to the Englishmen said: "Which of you wiped your face on my coat?"

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DEEP-SEA ARRIVALS

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Sado Maru	...	2,500	G. Northern	Hongkong	Feb. 14
Hawaii Maru	...	3,500	R. P. R. H. H.	Hongkong	Feb. 17
Taiti Maru	...	3,500	Dodwell & Co.	Hongkong	Feb. 22
Empress of Japan	P. L. Davidson	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Feb. 24
Awa Maru	...	3,500	G. Northern	Hongkong	March 7
Nippon Maru	...	3,500	C. P. R.	Sydney	March 10
Nippon Maru	...	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 10
Empress of Russia	W. Davidson	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 10
Empress of Asia	Robinson	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	May 7

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	For	Due
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 16
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	3,500	R. P. R. H. H.	Hongkong	Feb. 17
Manila Maru	Kobayashi	3,500	G. Northern	Hongkong	Feb. 24
Sado Maru	...	2,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 7
Empress of Japan	...	3,500	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 10
Hawaii Maru	...	3,500	R. P. R. H. H.	Hongkong	March 10
Monteagle	Halley	2,900	C. P. R.	Hongkong	March 13

COASTWISE SERVICES

For Vancouver	From Comox
Steamer Princess Victoria leaves daily at 1:30 p. m., and steamer Princess Mary daily at 11:45 a. m.	Steamer Charmer arrives every Sunday.
From Vancouver	From Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Adelaide arrives daily at 1 p. m., and steamer Princess Alice at 6:30 a. m.	Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince John leave Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 a. m.
For Seattle	From Prince Rupert
Steamer Princess Adelaide leaves daily at 1:30 p. m.	Steamers Prince Rupert and Prince John arrive Mondays and Fridays at 6 a. m.
From Seattle	For Skagway
Steamer Princess Victoria arrives daily at 1 p. m.	Steamer Princess Mary leaves Feb. 18, March 1, 11, and 24.
For Port Angeles	From Skagway
Steamer Sol Duc leaves daily except Sunday at 11:30 a. m.	Steamer Princess Mary arrives Feb. 15 and 27, March 14 and 27.
For Port Angeles	For Holberg
Steamer Sol Duc arrives daily except Sunday at 9 a. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on first and twenty-ninth of each month.
For San Francisco	From Holberg
Steamer President and Governor alternate every Friday at 5 p. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on seventh and twenty-seventh of each month.
For San Francisco	For Clayoquot
Steamer President and Governor alternate every Monday at 1 p. m.	Steamer Tees leaves on tenth of each month.
For Comox	From Clayoquot
Steamer Charmer leaves every Tuesday at 8 a. m.	Steamer Tees arrives on thirteenth of each month.

GOVERNMENT BUYS AMERICAN SCHOONER

Premier of New South Wales
Makes Statement Regarding
Purchase of the Weatherwax

The American schooner Weatherwax, which was well known on this coast, has been purchased by the government of New South Wales. The Weatherwax was loaded with lumber at Chemainus last fall and called here for supplies before putting to sea.

Premier Holman, of New South Wales, recently made a statement in the House regarding the purchase of the schooner. He stated that Mr. Nielsen, the trade commissioner at San Francisco, had arranged for a shipment of lumber for the public works department by the schooner Weatherwax last year. On October 17 he cabled that the schooner had returned again to Honolulu disabled. The papers in the matter were forwarded to Mr. Nielsen with a view to his collecting the insurance. On October 23 he cabled that everything possible was being done to get the ship away, or, failing that, to collect the insurance. The vessel was put up for sale by forced auction, said Premier Holman, and apparently Mr. Nielsen had bought the schooner for \$2,000 and all right, title, and interest of the Northern Shipping company, her owners, in the cargo for \$50.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 12—Arrived: Str. William Chatham, from west coast ports via San Francisco, at 1 a. m. Passed: Str. El Lobo, from Vancouver for San Francisco and ports. Sailed: Str. Ida Maru, for Seattle, at 12:30 p. m. Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 13—Arrived: Str. Kagoshima Maru, from Powell River.

Tacoma, Feb. 13—Arrived: Str. Admiral Dewey, from San Francisco via Seattle; Str. Wellfleet, from San Francisco; Str. Queen, from San Francisco; Str. Seattle, from Seattle; Str. Melville, from Seattle; Str. Kumi Maru, from Portland.

San Pedro, Feb. 13—Five steamers arrived to-day from northern ports with lumber cargoes. They were the Nogo City, from Mukilteo; Brunswick, from Fort Bragg; Raymond, from Willapa; A. M. Simson, from Cook Bay; and Vanguard, from Eureka. The Brunswick proceeded to Redondo Beach. The A.M. Simson arrived from San Francisco to-day and after completing her cargo for Cominto and Mexico ports proceeded.

San Francisco, Feb. 13—Arrived: Str. P. S. Loop, from Puget Sound ports; Str. Aqueduct, from Puget Sound ports; Str. Adeline Smith, from San. Nann Smith, from Cook Bay; Str. Tahoe, from Willapa Harbor; Str. Santa Barbara, from Seattle; Str. Columbia river; Str. El Segundo, from Seattle; Str. Carlos, from Gray's Harbor; Str. A. transport Shermans, from Manila; Sailed: Str. Governor, for Seattle; Str. Queen Maude (British), for Sydney; Str. Cuzco (Norwegian), for Antofagasta; Str. F. A. Kilburn, for Eureka; Str. Asuncion, from Seattle; Str. Wapama, from Seattle; Str. Mills and Str. Wapama, from Columbia river; Feb. 12—Sailed: Str. Harry Luckenbach, for Seattle.

Seattle, Feb. 13—Arrived: Str. Ida Maru, from Seattle via ports; Str. Klamath, from San Francisco; Str. Admiral Dewey, from Seattle; Str. W. S. Porter, from Richmond; Str. Melville, from Tacoma; Str. Fulton, from British Columbia ports; Sailed: Str. Queen, Everett and Tacoma; Str. Morning Star, British Columbia ports; Str. Admiral Dewey, Tacoma.

CRUISING TO WEST OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE

Owners of Onward Ho Believe
Overdue Steamer May Have
Been Swept to Sea

The Dominion lighthouse tender, Captain Barnes, which has been sent to seek the missing fishing steamer Onward Ho, owned by the B. C. Packers' Association, is cruising well to the westward of the Queen Charlotte Islands in the hope of finding some trace of the long overdue vessel.

The owners of the Onward Ho are of the opinion that the steamer may have been disabled and in a helpless condition carried out to sea. Skippers of other fishing boats have expressed the same views and in consequence the Ketchikan has been conducting her search to the west of the Charlottes.

Will Resume Work.

The Quadra will get away to-day for the Gulf of Georgia, where she will continue lighthouse and buoy duty. Among other work which will engage the attention of the Quadra will be the installation of an acetylene beacon buoy on Drew Harbor Spit, Strait Channel.

RECEIVES CARD FROM INTERRED BELGIAN

W. R. Dale, general agent of the Great Northern railway, has received an interesting post card from a Belgian corporal who is now held at one of the internment camps in Holland. The soldier, who was interned after the fall of Antwerp, asks Mr. Dale to send him some used postage stamps, as he intends to make a collection in order to relieve the monotony of life while held in the camp. The card read as follows:

Herewith I take the liberty to ask you if you could not make me a little pleasure. I am a Belgian corporal interned in Holland after the fall of Antwerp, so to pass a little more agreeable my captivity I have the resolution to collect all different used postage stamps. I should be very obliged if you could send me the post stamps you do not care for. In exchange I will send you, if you will take them, the lightness of the Belgian intercity camp.

CAPTAIN GUNNS NOW VANCOUVER PILOT

Captain Thomas L. Gunns, for about twenty years master of various vessels of the former Canadian Pacific Navigation company, and the C. P. R. British Columbia Coast service, has taken up his duties as one of the pilots out of Vancouver.

Captain Gunns has been in the past pilot of several C. P. R. steamers, including the Princess Victoria, and has been skipper of many others, including the tugs Car, Nemoose, Nitinat and the steamer Charmer.

Captain Gunns is well known both in Victoria and Vancouver, and was a popular officer in the C. P. R. service. He came out to the coast on the steamer Islander.

WIRELESS REPORT

Feb. 14, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Fog; S. E.; 30.15; 44. Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E.; strong; 30.04; 42; sea rough.

Pachena—Rain; S. E.; strong; 24.70; 43; sea rough.

Estevan—Rain; S. E.; strong; 39.93; 43; sea rough.

Alert Bay—Misty; S. E. gale; 29.77; 41; sea rough. Spoke steamer Princess May at 8:30 a. m. off Pine Island, at 8:15 a. m. southbound.

Triangle—Fog; drizzle; S. E.; fresh; 29.81; 43; sea rough.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; S. E.; 29.45; 32; heavy swell.

Ileeda—Rain; S. E.; light; 29.22; 45; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Fog; S. E.; strong; 39.35; 43; sea smooth.

Noon.

Point Grey—Overcast; S. E.; 30.15; 47. Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E.; 30.02; 47; thick seaward. Spoke steamer Norton western trip. Seymour Narrows 10:15 a. m. southbound.

Pachena—Fog; rain; S. E.; 29.70; 49; rough; dense seaward.

Estevan—Fog; rain; S. E.; strong; 39.92; 43; heavy swell.

Alert Bay—Rain; S. E.; 29.74; 46; sea moderate. Steamer Princess May out 9:20 a. m. southbound.

Triangle—Fog; drizzle; S. E.; fresh; 29.79; 47; sea rough.

Dead Tree Point—Cloudy; fog; calm; 29.43; 36; sea smooth.

Ileeda—Rain; S. E.; 29.16; 46; sea smooth. Spoke steamer Princess Sophia 8:30 a. m. abeam, Ivy Island, southbound.

Prince Rupert—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.31; 45; sea rough. Steamer Venture in 11:25 a. m.

TEES FROM WEST COAST.

The C. P. R. steamer Tees, Captain Gittum, came in from the west coast last night. She brought 4,000 cases of salmon and left during the day for Vancouver, where the fish will be landed. The Tees brought a similar shipment on her last trip from the west coast.

BOUND FOR VANCOUVER.

The steamer Walmarino, from Sydney via San Francisco, passed up this morning on the way to Vancouver.

DISCHARGING CARGO.

The American steam schooner Wm. Chatham, which arrived on Saturday from Chilean ports with cargo for the Victoria Chemical works, will probably get away this evening.

RETIRED CAPTAIN DIES AT VANCOUVER

H. A. Mellon Was Well-Known
Among Pioneers; Lived on
Coast for Thirty Years

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Another pioneer has crossed the bar. Genuine feelings of regret will be occasioned among his legions of friends in this city at the announcement of the death of Capt. H. A. Mellon, 1134 Eleventh avenue west, aged 75, a retired sea captain, and one of the best known and most public spirited of Vancouver's old timers, who passed away at the general hospital at 6:40 last night from diabetes. He was admitted to the hospital on Feb. 5.

The late Capt. Mellon came to Vancouver in 1886, shortly after the great conflagration. He was born on May 22, 1840, at the manufacturing city of Nottingham, Eng., and after having received a fair education became a sailor. Although Capt. Mellon has for the past 30 years lived practically retired, he has kept in touch with shipping interests, representing a number of New York underwriters.

Kindly, broad-minded and humorous, he was a born raconteur, and his stories of pioneer days in Vancouver and British Columbia have often given much pleasure and instructive knowledge of conditions here in early days, to those who have been privileged to hear him.

NEW STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE IN APRIL

Steamship Company Refuses
Charter Offer of \$240,000 a
Year for Two Vessels

Refusing charter offers on the part coast which would have netted approximately \$240,000 a year, officials of the Alaska Steamship company are bending every effort to get the steamer Bennington and Burlington on this coast at the earliest possible date.

John H. Bunch, general freight and passenger agent of the company at Seattle says that the delivery of the steamer Bennington to the Southern Pacific Railway company for one round trip from New York to Galveston, Tex., and the loading of the Bennington with a cargo of coal at Norfolk for Valparaiso will not seriously delay the vessels in reaching this coast.

The Bennington will arrive at Seattle about April 10 and the Burlington fifteen days later.

Mr. Bunch explained that the Alaska Steamship company had refused a charter offer of \$20,000 a month for one year for the two vessels on the coast, which would have netted \$240,000. The company also refused \$2 a ton for transporting coal from Norfolk to Fall River or Providence, R. I., which would have enabled each of the vessels to earn approximately \$10,000 a week. The charter offer included a guarantee of \$1,000 a day demurrage for every twenty-four hours more than a week required in making the voyage.

GOING TO MANILA.

Robert M. Armstrong, official representative of Nile Temple, ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be a passenger of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan when she sails on her next trip to the Orient. Mr. Armstrong has a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate to conduct a ceremonial session at Manila. He expects to reach Manila on March 28 and the session will be held on April 8, when a class of 100 will be initiated.

LINER NIAGARA AT SYDNEY.

The Canadian-Australian liner Niagara, Captain Ralls, is reported to have arrived at Sydney on February 1, one day behind schedule time. The liner, which sailed from Victoria on January 20, was delayed here twenty-four hours waiting for the mails, and did not get away until 4 o'clock in the afternoon of that date. She carried 250 passengers on the trip to Sydney including the Australian Cadets, who were returning home after an absence of about a year.

TIDE TABLE.

February											
Date	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time	Ht.	Time
1	5:22	8.4	5:54	9.9	6:26	11.4	6:58	12.7	7:30	13.9	7:52
2	5:16	8.3	5:48	9.8	6:20	11.3	6:52	12.6	7:24	13.8	7:46
3	5:10	8.2	5:42	9.7	6:14	11.2	6:46	12.5	7:18	13.7	7:40
4	5:04	8.1	5:36	9.6	6:08	11.1	6:40	12.4	7:12	13.6	7:34
5	4:58	8.0	5:30	9.5	6:02	11.0	6:34	12.3	7:06	13.5	7:28
6	4:52	7.9	5:24	9.4	5:56	10.9	6:28	12.2	7:00	13.4	7:22
7	4:46	7.8	5:18	9.3	5:50	10.8	6:22	12.1	6:54	13.3	7:16
8	4:40	7.7	5:12	9.2	5:44	10.7	6:16	12.0	6:48	13.2	7:10
9	4:34	7.6	5:06	9.1	5:38	10.6	6:10	11.9	6:42	13.1	7:04
10	4:28	7.5	5:00	9.0	5:32	10.5	6:04	11.8	6:36	13.0	6:58
11	4:22	7.4	4:54	8.9	5:26	10.4	5:58	11.7	6:30	12.9	6:52
12	4:16	7.3	4:48	8.8	5:20	10.3	5:52	11.6	6:24	12.8	6:46
13	4:10	7.2	4:42	8.7	5:14	10.2	5:46	11.5	6:18	12.7	6:40
14	4:04	7.1	4:36	8.6	5:08	10.1	5:40	11.4	6:12	12.6	6:34
15	3:58	7.0	4:30	8.5	5:02	10.0	5:34	11.3	6:06	12.5	6:28
16	3:52	6.9	4:24	8.4	4:56	9.9	5:28	11.2	6:00	12.4	6:22
17	3:46	6.8	4:18	8.3	4:50	9.8	5:22	11.1	5:54	12.3	6:16
18	3:40	6.7	4:12	8.2	4:44	9.7	5:16	11.0	5:48	12.2	6:10
19	3:34	6.6	4:06	8.1	4:38	9.6	5:10	10.9	5:42	12.1	6:04
20	3:28	6.5	4:00	8.0	4:32	9.5	5:04	10.8	5:36	12.0	5:58
21	3:22	6.4	3:54	7.9	4:26	9.4	4:58	10.7	5:30	11.9	5:52
22	3:16	6.3	3:48	7.8	4:20	9.3	4:52	10.6	5:24	11.8	5:46
23	3:10	6.2	3:42	7.7	4:14	9.2	4:46	10.5	5:18	11.7	5:40
24	3:04	6.1	3:36	7.6	4:08	9.1	4:40	10.4	5:12	11.6	5:34
25	2:58	6.0	3:30	7.5	4:02	9.0	4:34	10.3	5:06	11.5	5:28
26	2:52	5.9	3:24	7.4	3:56	8.9	4:28	10.2	5:00	11.4	5:22
27	2:46	5.8	3:18	7.3	3:50	8.8	4:22	10.1	4:54	11.3	5:16
28	2:40	5.7	3:12	7.2	3:44	8.7	4:16	10.0	4:48	11.2	5:10
29	2:34	5.6	3:06	7.1	3:38	8.6	4:10	9.9	4:42	11.1	5:04
30	2:28	5.5	3:00	7.0	3:32	8.5	4:04	9.8	4:36	11.0	4:58

FREIGHTERS WITHDRAWN.

New York, Feb. 14.—Uncertainty regarding the re-opening of the Panama canal has forced the American-Hawaiian S. S. Company to withdraw its fourteen American-built freighters and temporarily suspend business. The future plans of the company will be announced this week.

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Ottawa	8	7	0	46	39	16
Toronto	4	11	1	56	69	9

Next Games on Schedule.

Wednesday.
Ottawa at Toronto.
Quebec at Canadiens.
Wanderers a bye.

Four teams are well bunched in the N. H. A. race. Wanderers and Quebec are now tied for the league leadership. The Canadiens are running third, just one point to the rear, and Ottawa are just one point behind the Frenchmen. The Toronto are in the cellar and hopelessly out of the running.

Feb. 14.—One of the largest crowds which ever attended a hockey match assembled at the arena on Saturday night to see the clash between Ottawa and the Canadiens, which resulted in a win for the visitors, the final score being 3 to 1. Last Wednesday the Canadiens defeated the Senators in a thrilling overtime game, and a great game was expected when they came together for their second clash of the week. All expectations were fulfilled.

Neither team had the advantage in the sensational sixty minutes of play, and only the brilliant work of the goalkeepers kept the score down.

The Frenchmen got off to an early lead, scoring two goals in the opening period, Pitre netting the first and Lalonde the second. There was no scoring in the second session, although both goalkeepers were kept on their toes. Early in the third period, Courteau scored a third goal for the Canadiens,

and half way through the period Nighbor scored for Ottawa. The teams: Ottawa—Benedict, Shore and Merrill; Gaffard, Darragh and Nighbor. Canadiens—Vezina, McNamara and Corbeil; Pitre, Lalonde and Laviolette.

Wanderers Beat Toronto.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Playing on their home ice the Wanderers pulled even with Quebec for the league leadership by defeating Toronto 3 to 1 Saturday night. Smith, Odie Cleghorn and Small scored for the Wanderers, and Corbett Denney scored for the blue shirts. Harry Hyland wrenched his knee early in the game and retired. The teams: Wanderers—Lindsay, Small and Odie Cleghorn; Robertson, Bell and B. Smith. Toronto—Lessor, Cameron and Randall; Keats, Skinner and Corbett Denney.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Feb. 14.—Following are the results of English football games played Saturday on the grounds of the first named clubs:

London Combination.
Chelsea, 6; Crystal Palace, 1.
Brentford, 2; Woolwich Arsenal, 1.
Reading, 4; Luton Town, 2.
Millwall Athletic, 1; West Ham United, 6.
Watford, 6; Queen's Park Rangers, 0.
Clapton Orient, 1; Fulham, 3.
Tottenham Hotspur, 2; Croydon Common, 0.

Lancashire Section.
Preston, 2; Preston North End, 0.
Bolton Wanderers, 3; Burnley, 0.
Oldham Athletic, 1; Stockport County, 3.
Southport, 2; Liverpool, 5.
Blackpool, 3; Bury, 1.
Manchester City, 4; Stoke, 2.
Rochdale, 2; Manchester United, 2.

Midland Section.
Wolverhampton, 5; Hull, 4.
Huddersfield Town, 5; Leeds City, 1.
Lincoln City, 4; Derby County, 0.
Sheffield United, 3; Notts Forest, 1.
Grimsby Town, 1; Bradford, 1.
Leicester Fosse, 2; Barnsley, 2.
Notts County, 1; Sheffield Wednesday, 1.

Gloucestershire Section.
Gloucester, Feb. 14.—Following are the results of scheduled Scottish league football games played Saturday on the grounds of the first named clubs:

Hearts of Midlothian, 1; Rangers, 2.
Celtic, 6; Dunbarton, 0.
Partick Thistle, 4; Kilmarnock, 0.
Third Lanark, 2; Raith Rovers, 0.
Ayr United, 2; Aberdeen, 1.
Airdrieonians, 4; Motherwell, 0.
Morton, 0; Hamilton Academical, 1.

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RUMORED BROWN WILL TRANSFER

BEAVER FRANCHISE TO GREAT FALLS

Judge McCredie Predicts That Northwestern League Will Be Four-Club Circuit; Vancouver Releases Wotell and Signs Calvo

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—It is quite possible that Bob Brown, manager of the Vancouver Northwestern league team, will transfer his franchise to Great Falls this summer. Bob has made no public announcement of his intention, but the persistent rumors now current are believed to have some foundation. Money is lower in Montana now than in Vancouver owing to the conditions brought on by the war, and it would be advisable for the sore-topped leader to shift.

Joe McGinnity, of the Tacoma club, is practically sure to go to Butte, Montana, and Brown it is thought will follow suit. Both Tacoma and Vancouver had a hard fight of it last season to pull through the league without being stranded financially, and they do not care to venture another season such as the last.

Predicts Four-Club Circuit.
Portland, Feb. 14.—That the Northwestern league will be composed of only four cities, with Tacoma moved to Butte, is the opinion of Judge McCredie, who knows something about Northwestern league happenings, much to the sorrow of his pocket book.

The Portland magnate intimates that he was given a tip on such a proceeding some time ago, and points to the fact that there is apparently no move to secure another city to make up a six-club circuit, giving every reason to consider that the four-club plan will be adopted.

"It is the only sensible thing to do under the circumstances," said Judge McCredie yesterday. "During these panicky times, better have four good towns than two more which will only be a drag and hindrance on the league. Tacoma never was and never will be a good baseball town, from present indications. Joe McGinnity has lost all he had there since he secured the franchise, and other men before him met a similar fate."

"I believe that Butte can support a class B ball club, now that the mines are operating. Vancouver ought to manage to get by, Spokane is not a bad ball town, and Seattle should go a long way toward keeping the other

clubs on their feet when they play there. Victoria is one of the question as long as the war lasts."

Lush Signs.

Portland, Feb. 14.—John Lush, the veteran pitcher of the Portland team, Saturday returned his signed contract for 1916, which he put his name to immediately upon receiving it. The Portland officials mailed Lush his contract only a few days ago to Los Angeles, where he has been spending the winter. He immediately scanned its contents and returned it by the next mail, stating that he was perfectly satisfied.

Spokane, Feb. 14.—Earl Sheely, first baseman of the Spokane Northwestern club last season, returned his signed contract to President Farr yesterday. Sheely is a good hitter and a sensational fielder. It is understood that he will receive a raise in salary.

Seattle, Feb. 14.—With hockey out of the way as a major league sport at the end of the present month, President Dugdale, of the Seattle baseball club, is actively engaged in building up the Giants for the coming season.

Two interesting announcements came from headquarters on Saturday night when Dug announced that he had signed Hunter, a Colorado State league pitcher, and also that he had a chance to land Money-maker, a young St. Louis catcher who has been playing in the Southern league. Dugdale was offered catcher Roach and infielder Brennehan by Miller Huggins, but he doesn't want these players. Roach was tried out with Victoria the first year the locals were in the Northwestern league. He was sent to the Twilight League and thence drafted by the St. Louis club.

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Jacinto Calvo, the speedy Cuban outfielder who was a member of the Victoria team in 1914, has been signed by Vancouver. Calvo also played with the Washington American league club and Los Angeles. Last season he played with the Cuban team at Long Island and was a real scrapper. He should have little difficulty in securing a berth with the Beavers. Calvo is good with the stick, and is a nifty fielder.

Bob Brown announces the sale of Outfielder Mike Wotell to the San Antonio, Texas league team. Mike is a good hitter, good baserunner and a swell fly-chaser, but under circumstances arising last season when he with several other members of the team went out on strike, Brown thought it best to let him go.

W. H. DAVIES ANTICIPATES RECORD

BREAKING ENTRY LIST FOR TOURNEY

Big List of Boxing and Wrestling Competitors Announced; Seattle Boys Are Coming

Judging from the heavy early entry list the Red Cross tournament to be held next Friday night at the V. I. A. A. headquarters, Victoria West, should be a record-breaking affair. Entries have been received for classes in the boxing competitions from 105 pounds to heavyweight, as well as entries from the Japanese colony for the jiu-jitsu and fencing competitions.

Since Wednesday last a contingent of boxers has been working out at the club headquarters and some excellent exhibitions should result Friday night. Word has been received from Chet McIntyre, physical instructor of the Seattle Athletic club, stating that his boys would be on hand, and that they would prove worthy opponents for the local boys. Lonnie McIntosh, the S. A. C. representative who will oppose Al Davies in the main event, is reputed to be of the Earl Baird type, rugged, clever and aggressive. He has proved himself one of the best boys ever turned out on the Sound. He has had considerable experience in inter-city bouts, and as the local boy is conceding him about ten pounds their bout should be a lightning affair. Benson, the other S. A. C. representative, will oppose Roy Baker in the 115-pound class, is the same type of boxer as his local opponent. Baker is one of the best boys turned out in Victoria for

some time. This will be his first appearance in an inter-city bout, and it is expected that he will make good. Carpenters started work on the seating arrangements this morning, and when completed the V. I. A. A. club quarters will prove an ideal location for staging of boxing tournaments. The ring has been erected in the centre of the hall, which gives the spectators an excellent view of the proceedings.

Tickets for the event go on sale this afternoon at the Empire Realty company office, Fort street, between Douglas and Broad. The balcony has by request been arranged for the ladies and their escorts, as of late a large number of the fair sex have become fight fans and have urged Manager Davies to arrange for them a section of seats.

The following entries have been received to date:

Japanese jiu-jitsu and fencing competitions as follows:
Jiu-jitsu—K. Namba vs. R. Yamahita; M. Kawai vs. K. Yakahashi.

Japanese fencing—E. Kano vs. F. Fugemori; T. Joys vs. J. Kase.

The referee for the jiu-jitsu contests will be T. Joys, and for the fencing, M. Kawai.

It is the intention of the Japanese, most of whom are local merchants, to give a demonstration of the various methods in both sports, and the competition will follow.

Entries to date for the boxing contests are as follows: 125 lbs., Leon McCluskey; 135 lbs., Jimmy Corkie; 155 lbs., Red Griffiths; 145 lbs., Alex. McKay; Freddie Welsh; 155 lbs., George Corkie.

Entries from naval and military units are promised early in the week.

MRS. WOLGAST SAYS NO.

Cadillac, Mich., Feb. 14.—Ad Wolgast will not fight Battling Nelson as per schedule at Lacrosse, Wis., February 22. Mrs. Wolgast is authority for the foregoing statement. "She will leave for Chicago to-morrow to meet her fighting husband. From there they will depart for the south and she says she will be the former champion's boss for two months."

During that time, she declares, Mrs. Wolgast won't fight anybody. Those who are acquainted with the Wolgast family know that what Mrs. Ad says Mr. Ad agrees to eventually. Local physicians say Mrs. Wolgast is doing the right thing.

"MASKED MARVEL" THROWN.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 14.—Yale defeated Bowdoin in fencing eight bouts to one on Saturday night, and in wrestling defeated Columbia 25 points to 4. At the conclusion of the college games "Strangler" Lewis, the western wrestler, threw the "Masked Marvel" in an exhibition bout in 27 minutes and 55 seconds. He used a toe hold and half Nelson.

MAILS REPORTS THIS MONTH.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Walter Mails, the former Seattle southpaw pitcher, will leave here on February 24 for Daytona, Fla., to join the Brooklyn national league club.

SIGNED BY BEAVERS



JACINTO CALVO

Speedy Cuban outfielder who has been signed by Bob Brown. Calvo was formerly a member of the Victoria Northwestern League team.

ATHLETE DIED AT SHORN-CLIFFE.

Dud Eddy, of the Empire Football club, received word on Saturday from "Dutch" Davies, the well-known local soccer player, of the death at Shorncliffe on New Year's day of Corp. Arthur Woods. Woods left Victoria with the R. C. G. A. draft last November. "For three years he played outside right for the Empire Football club, but was forced to retire from the game owing to a wrenched knee last season. He had a wide circle of friends in this city, and was very popular on and off the soccer field. Corp. Woods was 23 years of age and a native of London, Eng."

JAPANESE BALL TEAM WILL VISIT CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 14.—The baseball team of Waseda University, of Japan, will arrive in San Francisco May 4, according to a cable received by Coach O. H. Page, of the University of Chicago baseball team, from Prof. Ito Abe, considered the father of Japanese baseball. This will be the second trip of the Waseda team, the first coming in 1911. At that time the visitors were still fresh at the game and did not display the same ability which further experience has developed.

Coach Page is looking for some hard contest in the spring. Waseda will have with the University of Chicago during the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the university's founding. The Japanese games are looked on at the Maroon campus as the biggest baseball event of the year, largely because of the trip the Chicago nine made to the Orient last summer. Games are being arranged for the Japanese with other colleges in this country through Coach Page. It is probable the first game at Chicago will take place July 3.

SWEDISH ATHLETES MAY COMPETE AGAINST YANKS

Stockholm, Feb. 14.—(Via London.) Receipt of an invitation from the New York Athletic club, addressed to the Swedish Athletic association, to send representative athletes to compete in sports at New York, Boston, Pittsburg and Chicago has aroused keen interest here. A local resident, who is interested in athletics, has placed 15,000 Swedish crowns (a Swedish crown is worth about 27 cents) at the disposal of the association in case it accepts the invitation. The decision on this point has not yet been reached.

New York, Feb. 14.—Ernie Hjertberg, the Swedish national Olympic games trainer, said Saturday that while no arrangements had been completed for an international track meet between Swedish and American athletes, next summer he hoped such contests might be arranged.

To make such a trip a success Hjertberg said the Swedish team should compete in other sections of the country. He proposed Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, and possibly a Pacific Coast athletic club would add their invitation to that of the New York Athletic club.

If the Swedish Athletic association accepts the invitation Hjertberg is confident he can select among his countrymen a team of thirty athletes which will be able to hold its own against teams in this country. Hjertberg will return to Sweden next week.

LOGAN IS CHAMPION.

Newburgh, N. Y., Feb. 14.—R. T. Logan, of Montreal, won the honors Saturday in the Eastern speed skating championships here, by taking the quarter and one mile events on an eight-lap track. Walter Keuhne, of New York, won the half mile, and Archie Rogers, of Arlington, was first in the five-mile handicap.

WILLARD RECOVERING.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Jess Willard's cold, from which he had suffered for several days, was much improved today, and he went through a light course of training at the Chicago Athletic Association gymnasium.

METS. WERE EASY FOR PRESBYTERIAN FIVE

League Leaders Won 40 to 14 Victory Over "Hornets;" Other Results

The First Presbyterian church basketball quintette is rapidly climbing championshipward in the Sunday School league. Their most recent exploit was a 40 to 14 victory over the Metropolitan Hornets, who were considered strong contenders for the championship. This they accomplished Saturday night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. They are now well perched on the top rung of the ladder, out of striking distance.

It was anticipated that the clash between the Mets. and the leaders would be very evenly contested, but things went contrary to expectations. In the opening stages of the game the Mets. held their opponents in check and notched the first two baskets, and up to half way through the period the Mets. held their own. Gradually, however, the Presbyterians improved, and when the whistle sounded for half time they led 14 to 6.

Play in the second period greatly favored the winners. McEachern scored 12 points and Gidley 10 for the winners, while Leedingham notched 6 points and Archie Wills 4 for the Mets.

Fairfield was scheduled to play the Congregationalists, but failed to field a team, and the game went to the latter by default.

The intermediate game between the Metropolitan and St. Andrews Presbyterians resulted in a win for the former by the score of 31 to 8. The winners had the advantage throughout. W. Baker officiated as referee.

Ladies' League.

Of the three Ladies' Sunday School basketball league fixtures, the clash between the Baptist and Belmont quintettes was easily the most interesting. The latter won 3 to 2. The game was marked by close checking. The players showed up well in defence, but they were lacking in shooting ability. Miss Fawcett decided the game in favor of the Belmonts in the last minute of play.

St. Andrews had little difficulty in defeating the Metropolitan five, the final score being 27 to 4. The winners demonstrated their superiority soon after the commencement of the game, and the result was never in doubt. Miss M. Burridge played a sensational game for the winners, while Miss McIntyre was the individual star on the side of the losers. She scored all the points.

The First Presbyterian team has yet to be defeated. The five registered their fifth consecutive victory Saturday night at the expense of the Congregationalists, the final score being 10 to 4. By virtue of their week-end win they now hold the league by a comfortable margin, and their chances of annexing the championship are bright. Miss Fraser notched three baskets and Miss Briggs two. Ed. Steele officiated as referee.

CHIP BROS. WIN.

New York, Feb. 14.—Geo. Chip, of Newcastle, former middleweight champion, knocked out Frank Nottor, of New York, in the fourth round of a ten-round match in Brooklyn last night. Joe Chip, brother of the former champion, out fought "Kid" Alberts, of Elizabeth, N. J., in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn. He knocked his opponent down three times.

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An extra well-built bungalow of five rooms, bath and pantry, cement basement, septic tank, piped for furnace, all fenced, high and dry. Only one minute from car line. Two lots, size 132x132. Many built-in features. To be sold on terms for \$2,750

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"People of B. C. Versus Political Corruption"

Answers to Times Want Ads.

The following replies are waiting to be called for:

132, 277, 295, 1122, 1143, 1152, 1214, 1235, 1299, 1310, 1343, 1346, 1352, 1367, 1371, 1394, 1394, 1403, 1404, 1425, 1429, 1464, 1472, 1509, 2003, 2722, 2728, 2842, 2732.

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DIAGNOSIS—If dyspepsia afflicts you, the doctor advises to "see the waiter." (Metropolis Trick)—See our tinted stationery. We'll emboss your initials also if you wish.

ALL WORK entrusted to our Service Dept. is done by practical tailors who know their business. Cooper & Potts, Tailors, 206 Yates street.

FOUND—At Murdoch's Pandora market, bargains in dresses, blouses, ranges and furniture of all descriptions.

AN OPPORTUNITY—Special sale of umbrellas, half-price or less, all new goods, splendid value. The Umbrella Shop, 539 Pandora street, near Government.

WANTED—Well furnished house, about 5 rooms, close fire, must be modern, car, servants, state rent. Apply Box 1016, Times.

FURNISHED HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS—Wanted, furnished room and kitchenette, for lady and one child; Oak Bay or Fairford district, latter preferred. Box 1515, Times.

WANTED—To rent, 4 to 6 room, modern cottage, furnished, near Work Point Barracks. Apply Box 1547, Times.

LOST—Gordon setter dog, large white spot on breast, answers name of Ted. Return Campbell's Drug Store, 1154 Ward.

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GET A HOME while they are cheap. We have them to exchange for vacant property. Renting and insurance a specialty. Northwest Real Estate, 713 Yates, Finch Bldg.

SMALL QUANTITY of 4 ft. cordwood, delivered in city in 10 cord loads, price \$10 per cord. Office, 510 Sayward Bldg. Hours 9 to 5. Phone 2154.

100 ACRES, prairie farm, to exchange for house or good lots. Box 1523, Times.

YOUNG LADY would like position, doing light work from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Box 1523, Times.

WANTED—To rent, five or six roomed house, within easy walking distance of Cook and Fort. Phone 401 or 1547.

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WANTED—A girl for the afternoon and evening, to assist in light housework. Apply 1152 Fairford road.

MAN WANTED To drive Overland car. Apply 222 Oak Bay avenue.

HIVERT and American axolotls and rhododendrons, own root roses, heather, hollys, kalmias, conifers, etc., berries, buddles, geraniums, and other choice shrubs. Price list on application to G. Fraser, McLeod, B.C.

PRIVATE SALE—Chiffonier, dressing table, oak rocker, bed, spring and mattress, cedar chest, folding cot, baby's walker, kitchen furniture, garden tools, all in good condition. 22 Linden Ave.

HAVE 50 ACRES choice land, all cleared, in best part of Metchem, close to school and church, will sell same at a bargain or will consider an exchange, land particularly adapted for fruit and poultry raising. Swinerton & Musgrave, 601 Fort street.

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APPRENTICE WANTED—Good class dressmaking and ladies' tailoring. Apply 1192 Fort.

SHELVING, show cases and fixtures wanted for up-to-date store; give full particulars. Box 233, Times.

LOST—Thursday, Jan. 27, pair of Fitz-you glasses in case, between Montreal street and High school, via Outer Wharf and Fernwood cars. Reward. Phone 4191L.

TO LET—Furnished house, hot water, Apply 127 Denman street, corner Sayward avenue.

LIBERAL ROOMS ARE HIVE OF INDUSTRY

New Quarters in Arcade Building Opened This Morning; Energy and Enthusiasm

Early this morning the new Liberal headquarters in the Spencer Arcade building, corner of Broad and Victoria streets, were opened, and a large band of workers was speedily on hand and deep in the work of preparation for the coming election. The rooms were furnished on Saturday afternoon by a considerable number of workers, who moved the furnishings of the old rooms and the headquarters offices to the larger and more commodious quarters.

In these are large separate rooms for each of the five wards, a general office for John Hart, the campaign manager in the bye-election, and the acting secretary of the association, E. P. Kaye, and a private office for the leader of the party, H. C. Brewster. All are comfortably furnished and are well lighted.

In these the work necessary to organizing the forces of the party for the campaign can be carried on more expeditiously and conveniently than in the old quarters. The vigor with which the work was resumed in the new rooms to-day affords proof of the energy that is being put into the fight and the determination of every member of the party to do all that is in him to win a victory for clean government.

The first of the wards to hold a meeting in the new rooms is Ward One, the members of which are called together to-night at eight o'clock in their room, under the presidency of Dr. Melbourne Raynor. This ward always has been one of the most active in the city in elections, and its old reputation is being well upheld, although there is great rivalry among the others for the place of honor.

The lists, owing to the fact that the Conservatives are responsible for the placing of eleven thousand names there, as the morning paper boasts, are in a deplorable condition. As has been said in these columns on many occasions, there are hundreds of names there which are bogus, but when, at the courts of revision, Liberal agents endeavor to obtain the removal of names of men which should not be there they find it impossible to accomplish this. Even though the notices sent out through the post office come back to the registrar of voters with the information that the address is "gone" or "not at address" or "left the city," the Conservative agent, W. H. Price, assures the registrar that the man is still in the city—he saw the voter at some indefinite time past, or someone else said they saw him, or he is out working in the bush somewhere and will be back—and as the Liberal agent cannot swear that the man whom very often he is morally certain never had any existence, he is forced to never any legal right to be on the list, has actually left the city, the registrar has to give the voter the benefit of the doubt.

Cases have come to light in which the internal evidence point to Conservative agents putting men on the list who have no right to be on the list, and who never signed an application to have their names put on, S. carelessly or cunningly has put the work that the morning contemporary boasts of being done, that men by the dozen are on the list in any case, and especially in the lower part of town, is crowded, judging by the lists, with men who never lived there. The cabins are crisscrossed with them as thick as flies. Many of the applications which are filed by the Conservative agents were taken across bar counters, without any inquiry by the bartenders as to the right of the thing but a source of pride or congratulation apart from its intended usefulness in the way of permitting the Conservative to election frauds. The mere fact that there are close on sixteen thousand electors on the lists in a city of the size of Victoria is enough to give the fraud away. On the civic lists, which include the names of women owners, there are only 5,600 to-day.

It is believed that the date mentioned in the Times on Saturday as that of the likely polling day here will prove to be right. No writ in either this bye-election or that in Vancouver is issued yet, but it is understood that the date for polling in the latter case is to be the same as in Rossland, February 26. The minister of public works will have an immense weight to carry in that city in responsibility for railway guarantees, Dominion Trust legislation and other matters. At the last general election he ran third on the Conservative ticket, which was headed by Dr. McGuire. In 1909 he was fourth of the five successful candidates, four hundred behind the attorney-general.

Premier Bowser, it is announced in the Vancouver press, is expected early in the coming week to take part in the election campaign. Word from Mayor Wilson, of Rossland, this forenoon that he has arranged for a series of meetings between this and election day. Several speakers from here and from Vancouver will go to the inland city to assist the candidate there.

A. McDermott left this morning on the steamer Prince Rupert for Seattle and other Sound points.

Mrs. E. Rafalsky, mother of Mrs. E. McGaffey, left to-day via the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert and the Northern Pacific for her home in St. Louis. Mrs. McGaffey accompanied her to Seattle.

Mr. J. F. Silver and family wish to thank their many friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful floral tributes in their sad bereavement.

Card of Thanks.

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CROSSED FRASER ON A WIRE CABLE

General Manager of C. N. R. Made Unconventional Trip En Route to Vancouver

The C. N. R. official party which is inspecting western lines, and which divided on arrival in Vancouver, had a tedious wait in the canyons of the Fraser river on account of the tie up of the C. N. R. line by snow. Three of them, General Manager M. E. McLeod, R. B. Pratt, architect, and W. S. Scott, of Winnipeg, arrived in the city yesterday, and were engaged this morning at the offices of the company here.

It is expected that the general manager will be on the coast for a week. The party was stalled in the Fraser canyons from Monday to Friday, when they decided to cross the river on a wire cable, and catch the westbound train on the C. P. R. into Vancouver. There was no immediate prospect of the line being clear of snow, and material brought down by slides, over the C. N. R. tracks, hence the change of plans.

It is stated that it is the intention of the company to call shortly for tenders for the construction of the car ferry-ships for the mainland and Vancouver island, and scows and tugs for the golf ferry service. The plans have been prepared in the east.

It has already been announced that the temporary headquarters for the ferry will be on the site of the Royal City Mills at New Westminster, where the company acquired two or three years ago, the ferry connection being made from there to Patricia bay. The temporary connection will continue till permanent accommodation is made at Woodward's landing on the Lower Fraser.

The party remaining in Vancouver was composed of E. H. Macklin, of the Manitoba Free Press, L. B. Verdo and W. F. Whillans.

"CRISIS IN B. C."

Mass Meeting to Be Held at Old Victoria Theatre To-morrow Evening—When Prominent Vancouver Ministers Will Speak.

"The Crisis in B. C." will be discussed by members of the Ministerial Union of the Lower Mainland at a mass meeting to be held in the Old Victoria theatre to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The principal speakers will be Rev. G. R. Welch, Rev. Principal Mackay, Rev. A. E. Cooke, and Rev. J. S. Henderson. The meeting will be along the lines of similar very successful gatherings held in Vancouver.

A reply is expected from Rev. Dr. Mackay to the attack recently made on him by a local contemporary.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred on Sunday morning of Victor Leadbetter, the three-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leadbetter, of Hollywood road, Garden City. The funeral, which is being arranged by the Sands Funeral Co., will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the above residence, and at 2 o'clock services will be held at St. Luke's church. Interment will be made in St. Luke's cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susie May Howard, whose death occurred on Feb. 11, will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands funeral chapel. Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott will officiate. Interment will be in Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred this morning of William Howe, a retired officer of the British navy who, latterly lived at Garden City. The deceased, who was 70 years of age, was a native of Derbyshire, England. The funeral will take place from the B. C. funeral parlors on Wednesday, Rev. F. H. Patt officiating.

The funeral of Clarence James Grant, the six-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant, of Wilkeson road, will take place on February 17 from the residence to St. Michael's church, Rossland.

WAR TAX STAMP BOOKS.

USE OF PERISCOPE.

MINING EXCHANGE EDITOR PASSES AWAY

George Sheldon Williams, Well-Known in B. C. Newspaper Circles, Dead

The death occurred yesterday morning at his lodgings, Esquimalt road, of George Sheldon Williams, who has been associated with newspaper work in the province for some years past, and was very well known particularly among mining engineers and others associated with the industry.

Mr. Williams was with the B. C. Mining Record in the late '90's, and early in 1900 acquired the B. C. Mining Exchange, a publication which had been published among the men of the profession, both in British Columbia and other neighboring mining districts where the information contained therein was considered of interest. The Exchange was published in Vancouver, even latterly when its appearance was more or less intermittent.

The deceased gentleman was an associate member of the Canadian Mining Institute, and was a zealous advocate of mining in this province. For the past several years he had made his headquarters in Victoria, and had a wide circle of intimates who will sincerely regret his passing. A brother, who is at present staying in the city, was formerly on the News Advertiser, and a sister, also in Victoria at the present time, lives in Regina.

Mr. Williams was not only a clever writer, who had contributed to several of the leading provincial papers from time to time during the past few years, but he was quite athletic in his habits, and took a keen interest in the civilian matches held on Saturdays at the Clover Point Range in the past. He suffered a serious illness last November, but had rallied from that sufficiently to get about again before his final illness came.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. funeral parlors on Wednesday at 2:15, under Masonic auspices.

INTERPRETATION OF U. S. LAW IS ASKED

Development Association Has Several Matters for the Interest of Visitors

The Victoria and Island Development association is taking up with the United States collector of customs at Seattle the United States law by which returning tourists from Canada into the United States are allowed to take with them goods purchased in Canada for personal use up to the value of \$100. The law allows this much free of duty.

The collector is to be asked for his interpretation of the clause so that the Development association can make direct representations to tourists as to what classes of goods are exempt from duty under this law. The interpretation of the collector is to be used by the commissioner of the association in the advertising, and by this it is proposed to assist the tourist trade with the storekeepers here who sell personal articles, souvenirs, etc., to the summer tourists.

The Development association has on hand orders from Vancouver Island farmers for 150 sheep for breeding purposes. Some time ago letters were written to the Dominion and the provincial governments regarding the importation of ewes to fill these orders. A reply has been received from the provincial government to the effect that the lambing season being now on the ewes cannot safely be exported. The Dominion government has not yet sent a reply.

There is to be a meeting of the association executive on Wednesday to discuss another entertainment similar to that which was held at the Dominion hotel recently for the prairie visitors. The commissioner will also take up with the executive a suggestion that has been made for an entertainment for prairie visitors at the High school by the High school orchestra.

It is thought this entertainment would serve a twofold purpose. It would entertain the visitors and at the same time give them all an opportunity to see the High school and investigate the thoroughness of the Victoria High school system.

A country clergyman who interested himself in finding places in London for little workhouse girls belonging to his parish, placed one of his proteges with the family of a small tradesman in the East End as a general servant. When the girl had been in her situation for a few months he wrote a kind note to her saying that he would be coming up to town shortly and would call to see how she was getting on. To his surprise he received this curt reply: "Honored sir, Amelia Jones is very sorry, and should be pleased to see you, but no followers is allowed."

An English soldier, a member of the 2nd South Staffordshire Regiment, says that one bitterly cold night in the early spring he and his mates came out of the trenches. They were billeted in a barn, where they were packed in very close. "Though numb with cold, we were soon asleep," said the soldier, in telling the incident. "I was awakened in the night by one of our chaps trying to put his boots on. After he had been trying for a minute or two I heard the fellow next him say: 'What the— are you doing?' 'Putting my boots on,' was the reply. 'Well, that's my foot, you fool!'

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SEVEN AND FIFTY YEARS OF EFFORT

Yesterday Was Anniversary of First Methodist Service in British Columbia

Yesterday being the anniversary of the first Methodist service in British Columbia, special services were held in many of the Methodist churches, and particularly in the Metropolitan church at the corner of the original Pandora avenue church, at the corner of Pandora and Broad street.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, 1859, the first service was held in the old court house here, the Rev. Ephraim Evans in the morning conducting the service, and Rev. Edward White in the evening. There are now 233 churches of the denomination in the province.

The four missionaries, for with them were Rev. Ebenezer Robson himself afterwards the leader of missionary effort in the province, and Rev. Arthur Browning, had left Toronto after a hearty farewell from their ministerial brethren, and sailed from New York on Jan. 6 for Panama. They crossed the isthmus, and on Saturday, Jan. 23, arrived at San Francisco. There they rested a week, and eventually reached Victoria on Feb. 10, 1859, staying at the house of J. T. Piddell.

The Hudson's Bay company gave three lots of the original site for the building, which was the third church organized in the city. The cornerstone was laid on Aug. 15, and the church dedicated on May 20, 1860. The site is now the city warehouse of the Brackman-Ker company. The present Metropolitan church was built during 1890.

Of the four pioneers, the life history of the Rev. Ebenezer Robson is one of the best known among those who fashioned the early history of British Columbia, and in the closing days of his long life he attended the gatherings of pioneers leaning on the familiar stick made from the timbers of the Beaver. He was the first president of the B. C. conference which was organized in May 1887, in the old Pandora street church, among the lay delegates at that gathering being David Spencer senior.

Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, who has been associated with the Metropolitan church for nearly four years as pastor of the congregation, delivered the address at the morning service, giving an interesting historical review of Methodism in British Columbia, and particularly in Victoria. To old-timers present in the congregation the matter contained such of very great interest associated with the past history of Victoria and its people generally, while the chapter contained a great deal of new information for the late-comers to the city. Incidentally Dr. Scott dwelt on the influence which Methodism has had on the social and moral life of the community at large, and this also proved of great interest.

In the evening there was a special service at 7:30 o'clock, this being musical in character, and opening with Stainer's beautiful anthem, "Awake Thou That Sleepest." Mrs. Downard and Mrs. Morton were the soloists, the former singing Blisset's "Lamb of God," and the latter (a contralto) singing "The Lord is My Light." There were two other inthems during the service, that by Maunders, "O Worship the King," being particularly pleasing. The church was specially decorated for the occasion with palms and flowers.

At a meeting of a homing club one of the members related this interesting experience. He had, he said, recently sold a couple of "squeakers"—very young pigeons—to a man whose cot was two hundred miles away. He sent them off by train, and was astonished to find them back in the old cote a couple of days later. There was profound silence, broken at length by the president, "Wonderful!" "You doubt my word?" demanded the narrator of the story. "Not a bit of it!" was the reply. "It's a strange coincidence, that's all. I sent the very same man a sitting of eggs in the middle of June. Before the end of the month those birds had hatched out and had flown back to me! Homing instinct is a wonderful thing!"

"An Irish jarvey is never satisfied with his fare, however much you may give him," said an English tourist to another when they were travelling in Ireland. "Well," said the companion, "I will bet you five pounds that if you engage a car, I will give the driver a sum that will satisfy him." "Done!" said the other. They took a car, went for a short drive, and the jarvey was given a sovereign for his fare. There was silence for the space of two minutes, and then the Irishman said, "It seems a pity to change this, yer honor. Have you such a thing as the price of a drink about you?" Without another word the jarvey handed the driver another two-pence, and sadly paid his grinning companion the five pounds he had won.

Knowing that unless Great Britain can be struck in some vital spot she cannot win the war, what will Germany do? Mr. Simonds thinks that she will make a grand effort to seize the Suez Canal, occupy Egypt, and cut British connections with India. She believes that with Egypt and Suez in her possession; Great Britain would be ready to listen to talk of peace. If this plan fails, which it seems certain it will, then the only thing that remains for Germany is to induce some powerful neutral, namely, the United States, to interfere with the British blockade. There appears to be little better chances of this scheme succeeding, for Americans sympathy on the whole is hostile to Germany, and the people of the United States are enjoying almost unexampled prosperity as a result of British sea power. German agents, nevertheless, are likely to become more active in neutral countries as the pressure of the British navy becomes deadlier.

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MILITARY HISTORY IS BEING REPEATED

In a recent issue of the New York Tribune, Mr. Frank Simonds, a well-known American military authority, calls attention to the fact that history is repeating itself in this war, and that the theories put forward by the late Admiral Mahan are being vindicated. Navalism is defeating Germany. Great Britain is defeating Germany. The only really decisive result so far achieved in this war has been achieved by the British navy, and at a trifling cost. Were it not for the British navy, Mr. Simonds believes that France and Russia and Italy might listen to German overtures for peace. Germany, he says, might even retain Belgium, and perhaps a slice of France if it were not for Great Britain; but she can retain nothing as long as Great Britain retains control of the sea. Indeed, retaining control of the sea, no matter what victories Germany may win, land, Great Britain can force Germany to accept whatever peace terms she chooses to offer. Germany's only possible hope of victory is in either defeating the British navy or in bringing some pressure to bear upon the British empire that will cause her to loosen her grip.

Kaiser in Napoleon's Shoes.

Mr. Simonds draws an analogy between this war and the struggle against Napoleon. The Corsican made Austria, Prussia, and Russia cease the struggle and sue for peace. He made Austria surrender a second time at Vienna. He swept a British expeditionary army out of Spain. His victories were far greater than Germany's military successes up to the present time, for while Germany has conquered territories, Napoleon conquered nations, and destroyed armies. He realized, however, that these victories did not strike at Britain. He went to Boulogne and stared across the channel. He had boats gathered there to transport any army to England. He is reported to have said that if he could have control of the English channel for 24 hours he would be master of Europe. He struck against England in Egypt, and failed. In the whole of his career not one of his soldiers set foot on British territory.

Bled White by Victories.

"So," as Mr. Simonds says, "he was forced to fight on for British money and British diplomacy raised new wars in Spain, in Russia, in Austria, until at last France was worn out, while Great Britain, uninvaded, with the whole carrying trade of the world in her hands, remained unwinded and uncrippled. Thus sea power was out land power; it made decisive victories on land of but passing value; it raised new armies, new insurrections, new wars, and it was always immune itself from injury. In the end it prevailed, because France could not forever fight the world. It tempted Napoleon to annex provinces after provinces, to close the ports to British commerce—it led him to Moscow and to Spain, seeking to ruin Britain, and in the end France was bled white by victories—and Frenchmen abandoned Napoleon for peace."

Britain the Only Winner.

This is what is happening to-day with Germany. She cannot rest from her labors or harvest the fruit of her victories because there is no power in her hands to compel or persuade Britain to make peace. It is true that she has Belgium, Serbia, and provinces of France and Russia. But what has she to offer Great Britain? In fact, Great Britain has already taken all that she is likely to have at the end of the war. She has taken German trade, and practically all the German colonies. Britain is, in Mr. Simonds' opinion, the only nation that has actually gained in the war, and as long as she keeps Bremen and Hamburg sealed, Germany can never resume her normal life, for these places are their port and import trade are the very lungs of Germany as an industrial nation. She has sought to relieve the pressure by her submarines, but despite their individual exploits they have utterly failed. Her grand fleet is useless, and it is impossible that it will commit suicide by venturing forth.

The Blow at Suez.

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BELIEVE STATES IN DELICATE POSITION

Washington, Feb. 14.—From high official quarters to-day came the information that the memoranda received from the German and Austria governments on armed merchantmen are considered in themselves a sufficient warning to Americans to refrain from engaging passage on merchant ships of the class of vessels affected by the order.

The United States admittedly has found itself to be in a delicate position as a result of its memorandum to the belligerents and the memoranda from the central powers. Should this government approve the position of the belligerents it is believed diplomatic complications with the entire immediately would ensue, and it might even be charged that the United States had committed an unneutral act of benefit to the enemies of the entente. On the other hand, the central powers, it is believed, might be offended should the state department criticize adversely their memorandum, which generally is regarded to be a development of the American memorandum suggesting the disarming of merchantmen. This contained an intimation that the United States itself, because of the changed conditions of warfare on the seas, might decide that armed merchantmen entering American waters were auxiliary cruisers and therefore subject to internment.

By allowing future developments to determine the stand of the United States, it was pointed out to-day, all difficulty could be avoided at this time. It is pointed out that the danger of Americans traveling from the United States in British and French ships would be slight in any event, ships of those nationalities entering American waters not being armed.

Britain's hotels and boarding houses during January last accommodated 21,430 foreigners, against 19,257 in the same month last year.

As Business Gets Better

WEEK AFTER WEEK, it behooves every man and woman who wants to get his or her full share of returning prosperity to be sure that no opportunities for profitable enterprise are overlooked. DON'T FORGET THE LITTLE THINGS which often lead to big ones. Many a man has passed by opportunities he thought too trivial for attention, while others by the expenditure of only a few cents on the same opportunities have started forces moving which resulted in thousands of dollars profit. Many a "Want Ad" in the Times, apparently insignificant, has resulted in successes far greater than we even dreamed of.

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FEES CUT DOWN BY MR. JUSTICE MURPHY

Reduces Allowances to Barristers for Provisional Liquidation of Dominion Trust

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Mr. Justice Murphy's recent assurance to the creditors of the Dominion Trust company that they need not worry about the bills for legal fees, as these would be limited strictly to what the legal tariff allows, took on a significant meaning this morning when his lordship assisted in carving some scores of items out of the first few pages of the bill for \$2,500 costs, originally filed as fees for legal services and disbursements for the nine weeks of the provisional liquidation under C. R. Drayton.

His lordship made repeated protests against charges made against the estate, and at one stage, when the solicitor protested that the charges had been incurred in the salvage of the estate, his lordship retorted warmly: "Salvage? Yes, I think it is the court that is trying to do the salvaging here."

For a Letter.
Among the items disallowed was a fee to the solicitors for writing a letter from their office in the Rogers building to the liquidator in his office at the Dominion Trust building, notifying him that acting under his instructions they had retained a box at the post office for his mail. Originally legal fees had been charged for instructions to the liquidator to get a drawer at the post office and for attending at the post office to procure the drawer. These items had been struck out by the taxing officer, who, however, had allowed a legal fee for the letter to the liquidator advising him that the drawer had been procured. The latter item was struck out this morning by his lordship, who said:

"Surely the liquidator or one of his clerks might have attended to a simple matter like that himself."
Included in the bill as passed by the taxing officer were some scores of items in connection with the dozen or so of rival petitions for the winding-up of the company. Messrs. Cowan, Ritchie & Grant, acting for a depositor named Marquet, were successful in their petition before the chief justice, but their bill included numerous items in connection with each one of the rival petitions, for notifying their own client, conferring with counsel, perusing the rival petitions, supplying copies of their own petition and court orders to the rival petitioners' solicitors, etc.

Judge's Comments.
His lordship ordered all of these items to be struck out at one sweep, and in the course of the argument with J. W. DIXIE, of the firm of Cowan, Ritchie & Grant, included in some comment upon the items thus charged. "Why should these people get copies of documents at the expense of the estate?" he asked. "The estate should not have to pay hundreds of dollars in costs just because a lot of different legal firms were quarrelling over who should get the liquidation."

Mr. Dixie replied that the chief justice had ordered their costs to be paid, and that if they were not in his own firm's bill, they would be in the other firm's bill.

"I have not examined the other bills. They may be charged for by the other solicitors," added J. H. Lawson, Jr., counsel for the creditors.

"You must show me why adverse petitioners may get costs," said the judge. "Suppose every firm in Vancouver had started petitions? You would say you ought to get paid for furnishing copies to them. If one firm could do it, every one might."

The chief justice allowed a special fee to counsel who opposed the petitioners," said Mr. Dixie. "Surely that ought to allow us to get paid for furnishing cheques to the opposing petitioners."

According to Rules.
"Suppose the chief justice died; I am not going to allow these charges to be made," replied Mr. Justice Murphy. "I am going to act on the rules. These costs should be paid by the unsuccessful petitioners. I will disallow these items down to the bottom of the page, and all others of a similar nature."

Five items on the second page of the bill, five on the third page and numerous other items on successive pages accordingly were struck out as they were reached. The page three items included four sets of instructions to oppose four different positions filed on the same day.

His lordship also took up the question of a daily charge of \$10 made for attending the liquidator for three hours, which appeared in addition to numerous other charges for conferences and advice to the provisional liquidator. On one day Mr. Cowan received \$75 for advising the liquidator all day, while Mr. Dixie, for advising the liquidator, also was down for \$10, and in addition there was an item for attending the liquidator three hours, \$10.

Must Have Particulars.
"Ninety-five dollars seems high costs for one day's advice. I must have full particulars. To put in general charges is to leave the estate at the mercy of general charges," commented the judge.

His lordship laid over every one of the charges for general daily attendance in order to obtain particulars. Mr. Dixie explained the fact that in different pages of the bill there were duplicate charges for attendance upon the liquidator by saying that frequently Mr. Cowan was advising the liquidator while he himself and Mr. Grant or other members of the firm were advising some of the department heads, though all were charged as attendance upon the liquidator.

made to the provisional liquidator by depositors anxious to know if they could get their moneys out were struck out by the judge.

"They had applied to the liquidator for advice and he was entitled to send them to us for advice as to their legal position," argued Mr. Dixie.

His lordship turned up the bill of costs.
"Here are whole day's conferences with the liquidator charged for and repeated charges of \$10 daily for conferences," he said. "Surely someone could have told the liquidator what to tell them on one of these numerous occasions after his dollars for telling four people here that they can not get their money. I'll strike them out. The liquidator could have told them that himself."

The Man To Pay.
Another item of \$150 for informing a Mr. Davis, of New Westminster, that the firm could not act for him as it was acting for the liquidator also was struck out.

"Davis is the man to pay that, not these unfortunate creditors," said the judge. "Why should they be charged \$150 for sending him to another lawyer?"

An item of \$5 for "attending Mr. Baillie on him telling us that he was acting for another petitioner," also was struck out.

"But Baillie was supporting our petition," urged Mr. Dixie.

"Who is Mr. Baillie? Is he a lawyer? Has he got a bill of costs too?" asked the judge.

"Yes, my lord," replied Mr. Dixie. "Well, why pay him for coming over to talk with you?" asked the judge.

"Well, it all relates to the salvage of the estate," said Mr. Dixie.

"Yes, it looks like salvage to me. I will disallow it," replied the judge.

"What is this charge here?" pursued the court a minute later. "It is said to be for attending the Standard Trust and telling them you had not certain documents. Why could not the liquidator have telephoned over and told him 'No' or had a clerk write a letter instead of you? He had a large staff."

"At that time, my lord, we were too busy to consider these things. The work had to be done," said Mr. Dixie.

"The question of paying a counsel fee to Mr. Martin for perusing a rival petition filed by the Tupper firm on behalf of a client named Maxton, also was questioned by his lordship, who asked:

"Is this estate paying five or six law firms to see that it is wound up? The estate is not interested in charges incurred by rival law firms trying to get hold of the liquidation. If counsel is interested in seeing that his firm retains the liquidation from its rivals, he must not charge it up against the unfortunate people whose money was sent away in this concern."

His lordship then asked his clerk for his work in salvaging the estate," protested Mr. Dixie.

Court Doing Salvaging.
"Salvaging," commented his lordship, raising his voice a few shades. "It is the court that does the salvaging, or is here."

The next item was a fee for attending Mr. Drayton to advise him in regard to the collection of rent. A previous item was for attending Mr. Drayton to inform him of the court order for his appointment.

"You can not pile up costs that way," said the judge. "Someone went to tell him of the court order at a cost of \$2. Why could he not have been advised in regard to the rents at the same time. The item will be disallowed."

On the same day, his lordship's clerk pointed out in addition to the \$2 for informing the liquidator of his appointment and the \$5 charged for advising him in regard to collecting rents, there was a charge of \$25 for advising him all day and two items of \$45 each for advising him on "various matters."

PROHIBITION EXECUTIVE TO MEET THIS EVENING

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—The executive committee of the People's Prohibition movement held a session this morning to discuss the resolution written by Rev. Dr. Mackay at last Wednesday's meeting, which seeks to call on the government for an immediate answer to the demands of the prohibitionists.

The question in the resolution also involves whether or not the prohibition interests will take an active part in the by-elections. The subject is proving a knotty one, for a subcommittee held several meetings about it at the end of last week. At 1 o'clock to-day, after a two-hour meeting, President Rogers announced that no decision had been reached. The meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening, when the matter will be wrestled with again.

TAYLOR SAYS HE WILL RUN IN VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—Former Mayor Taylor to-day reaffirmed his decision to be the third candidate in the by-election to be held in Vancouver on Feb. 26. He says he will be strictly independent.

Premier Bowser is expected here on Feb. 24, to be a speaker at a meeting to be held in the Orpheum theatre on that date.

PELKY OUT AGAIN.

Tusla, Okla., Feb. 14.—Carl Morris, of Napulpa, Okla., knocked out Arthur Pelky of Canada in the fifth round of a scheduled fifteen round bout here Saturday night.

During a school tea a kindly lady sat regarding one of the young guests with evident alarm. Undismayed by the lady's glances, the young hopeful demitted plate after plate of bread and butter and cake. At last the lady could stand no longer. Going up to the youth she said: "My boy, have you never read any book which would tell you what to eat, what to drink and what to avoid?" "Why, bless yer, naam," replied the young gentleman, with his mouth full of cake, "I don't want no book. It's very simple, I eat all I can, I drink all I can, and I avoid bustin'."

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES TO THE DOMINION

Salvation Army Would Send Families of Fallen Fighters of Motherland

Montreal, Feb. 14.—A dispatch to the Gazette from London says:

"A scheme for settling overseas the widows and families of fallen soldiers the object of the trip to Canada of Commissioner Lamb, of the Salvation Army emigration department, who sailed by the Missanabie. Prior to sailing he had interviews with the colonial secretary and the president of the board of trade."

"We fully recognize," said Mr. Lamb, "that Canada will have to deal with its own widows and families, but with the Dominion's great resources and the insistent demand for women servants, Canada's own problem does not appear to present serious economic difficulties."

"There is no danger of the mother country saddling the Dominion with the former's responsibilities, nor of the contemplated settlers becoming a burden to the community, as many would be in receipt of pensions. These families of men who have sacrificed themselves for the empire should prove a valuable contribution to the inflow of British stock, which would be more than ever desirable if the conceptions of a strong empire are to be realized."

"Commissioner Lamb thought that the Salvation Army's capacity for handling the proposed scheme would be recognized by the Dominion, as the army officers are familiar with the Canadian conditions, are accustomed to dealing with tollers and have excellent immigration machinery at their disposal. Moreover, the army for many years has paid special attention to the needs of widows, one instance being the active part played by the army in the Empress of Ireland's widows' fund."

NEW VOTE MAY BE FOR \$1,250,000,000

London, Feb. 14.—It is expected the next vote of credit will be introduced soon in the house of Commons. The estimate is made unofficially that the vote will be for £250,000,000, bringing up the total of war credits to £2,912,000,000.

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—All markets closed lower to-day. On this market heavy export trading was offset by the public underselling and by some foreign buying. Wheat here had a drop of 14 to 15 cts. with May at 128 and July at 134. Oats was in sympathy with wheat and closed 1/2 cts. lower, with May at 48 and July at 54. Flax was up. Brisk trading in May took it to 214, while July closed at 212. Barley was offered at 32 without any takers. There was a good cash demand to-day for all grades, with the spread narrowing as May draws nearer. No. 1 was selling to-day at 22. Home Sound No. 2 was offered at 20. The export trade saved the local market, all exporters admitting the work in a big bulk of wheat. In the future market they bought around 124 to 128. If this support had been taken from the local market there would have been a big break.

Wheat—Open High Low Close
May 127 1/2 128 127 1/2
July 125 1/2 126 125 1/2
Oats—
May 42 44
July 40 42
Barley—
May 72
Flax—
May 214 214
July 212 212
Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 124; 2 Nor., 121; 3 Nor., 118; No. 4, 114; No. 5, 109; No. 6, 104; No. 7, 100; No. 8, 96; No. 9, 92; No. 10, 88; No. 11, 84; No. 12, 80; No. 13, 76; No. 14, 72; No. 15, 68; No. 16, 64; No. 17, 60; No. 18, 56; No. 19, 52; No. 20, 48; No. 21, 44; No. 22, 40; No. 23, 36; No. 24, 32; No. 25, 28; No. 26, 24; No. 27, 20; No. 28, 16; No. 29, 12; No. 30, 8; No. 31, 4; No. 32, 0.

AMERICAN WHEAT IS WANTED IN EUROPE

Chicago, Feb. 14.—There was a good demand here from the seaboard for hard winter. Duluth reported heavy buying of futures by exporters. The Modern Miller says wheat has been damaged in Texas and Southern Illinois. Bearish news was lacking, but the market was under the influence of pit traders. There appears to be some misunderstanding in regard to the freight rates for wheat to the southern hemisphere. An analysis would show that the rate is about equal to the American rate by France, but they are still considerably higher than the American rate to Liverpool. Regardless of rates, however, foreigners seem to take all that they can get from all directions. Liquidation has been quite heavy of late and it is believed the market is now in a position to rally sharply from all little setbacks.

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NEW YORK SUGAR.
New York, Feb. 14.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal, 4.87; molasses, 4.40; refined steady; cut loaf, 4.90; crushed, 4.80; mould A, 4.45; cubes, 4.55; XXXX, powdered, 4.35; powdered, 4.10; fine granulated, 4.05; diamond A, 3.50; confectioners' A, 3.90; No. 1, 3.50.

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Practically the sole interest was lodged in Granby and Howe Sound, the former rising one dollar a share and the latter reaching the 7 mark in the bid price, with actual sales being recorded in other markets at \$1.25 and thereabout. All copper stocks are becoming popularized on the realization of the metal situation, which has had no comparison for years back, if ever.

The demand for Granby is unshaken even at this enhanced level and is stirring interest in issues of a like order, directly or indirectly.

Steadiness ruled in the rest of the list. A steady upward trend in the leaders, such as now seems under way, would supply the initiative for a broad market movement meeting with general participation.

Standard Lead stockholders have received their regular monthly dividend for January.

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Crow's Nest Coal	20.00	20.00
Can. Cons. S. & R.	145.00	152.00
Coronation Gold	14	14
Granby	6.90	7.00
Int. Coal & Coke Co.	9.00	9.00
Lucky Jim Zinc	9.00	9.00
Portland Cement	11	11
McMillan Coal	11	11
Portland Cement	11	11
Rambler Carbon	19.00	20.00
Red Cliff	19.00	20.00
Standard Lead	1.90	1.90
Stewart M. & D.	24	24
St. Louis Star	21	21
Stewart Land	7.00	7.00
Vict. Phoenix Brew.	115.00	115.00
Unlisted		
American Marconi	3.50	3.50
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.00
Island Investment	20.00	20.00
Island (Dist.) new	40	40
Do. old	80.00	80.00
University School Bds.	130.00	130.00
Home Sound M. Co.	7.00	7.00
Pingree	30	30
P. C. Tunnel	30	30

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By F. A. Borden & Co.)
Montreal, Feb. 14.—To-day's market was irregular and fairly active. Consolidated Mining, Detroit United and Quebec Railway were the strong features, while Car Foundry and the steel shares were reactionary. Detroit United sold ex dividend 13 per cent, and more than made up this amount. The stock is to be listed on the Detroit exchange. It was reported to-day that a prominent Detroit manufacturer had purchased a block of the stock. There continues to be some favorable comment on the N. S. Steel statement, but the weak New York market had a depressing effect on the steel shares generally and Stogla sympathized to some extent with this weakness.

	Bid	Asked
Am. Marconi	3.50	3.50
Buffalo	1.00	1.00
Can. Car Foundry	6.70	7.00
Do. pref.	88	92
Can. Copper	1.95	2.00
Canadian Marconi	1.00	1.00
Crown	3.50	3.50
Daily West	21	21
Dome Mines	29	29
Em. Phon	12	13
Hedley Gold	24	27
Howe Sound	6.90	7.00
Gold Cons.	145	152
Hollinger	25	25
Kerr Lake	45	49
La Rose	65	70
Mines of Am.	3	3
Nipissing	7	7
Standard Lead	1.90	1.90
Stewart	30	30
Steel of Can.	25	25
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J. L. Luckenbach, Vice-President of Well-Known Steamship Co., Visits Here

J. L. Luckenbach, vice-president of the Luckenbach Steamship company, of New York, one of the oldest and best known steamship lines in the United States, spent the week-end in Victoria and left this afternoon for Seattle.

Mr. Luckenbach, who was accompanied by his wife, disclaimed any business object in visiting Victoria, but allowed in a chat with the Times representative this morning a keen interest in shipping and shipbuilding facilities here, and particularly in the B. C. Mercantile Marine company, the organization which is seeking to create a merchant marine for the province.

The visitor is on the coast in connection with orders for additional ships for the Luckenbach fleet, all of which are named after some member of this family with the exception of a few smaller boats which have been purchased from other firms. Five ships are building for the company in eastern yards, but it is impossible to place another contract for the class of vessel wanted at any of the yards. Hence the visit of the vice-president to the Pacific coast. Mr. Luckenbach is in negotiation with the Seattle Construction & Drydock company for a large freighter, and expects to award a contract before leaving for the south.

Pending the awarding of the contract, however, he was disinclined to discuss the matter further.

"I do not think we shall be able to do anything here," he said, "because this company has in the two generations of its operations confined itself to coast to coast trade on the Atlantic seaboard of the United States, beginning with the towage of barges, and developing from one stage to another. Later we started in the New York-San Francisco trade, transshipping over the Panama railroad till the canal was open. Since the closing of the canal some of the steamers have reached the Golden Gate by way of the Straits of Magellan. Therefore we could not well build in Canada, although it is a great asset to you to have a firm of international reputation like Yarrow's, Ltd., located in this district.

"It is impossible to do anything with the yards in San Francisco, the Union Iron Works having some 25 vessels under contract, so that the number of contracts we can place on this coast is limited.

"I do not know what the local conditions are with regard to shipbuilding; but in the eastern yards there is a great shortage of skilled labor. The riveters, fitters, etc., have moved to ammunition plants and so on, and cannot be replaced. The building of wooden ships at this time is after all a makeshift policy, and would not be seriously entertained, except for the great rise in the price of steel and the necessity of finding 'any port in a storm.' For the lumber trade, however, there is no doubt that the boats could easily clear their original cost with the high rates now in vogue.

"The Luckenbach company has chartered a number of vessels for the South American trade. My opinion is that the state of shipping to-day is absolutely abnormal, and a readjustment must come. The fear is that it will come suddenly, disorganizing conditions which now exist. Shipping interests ought to be ready for the reconstruction, which will among other things bring down charter rates to something like a reasonable figure, and in keeping with the actual cost of transportation.

"So great is the demand for ships from Europe that a number of yards in the east have orders from Norway and Sweden for vessels, at about three times the cost in their home countries. Building ships now is in the nature of an experiment, because trade may alter greatly when reconstruction after the war takes place, and we do not know how the situation will readjust itself. Fleets are being enlarged, however, on the expectation that the demand for tonnage will be tremendous.

A fond mother was assisting the little boy the other evening in the mastery of geography lesson, and coming to the description of a desert, which formed part of the lesson to be memorized, she studied the words of the textbook to the effect that it was "a barren tract." The little fellow repeated the phrase after her, but his air of mystification showed that he hadn't the slightest idea of the meaning conveyed by the group of words; and the better to reach his understanding, she endeavored to simplify the description by defining it as "a place where nothing would grow." The boy's face brightened with the light of awakened intelligence, and the mother, proud and expectant, put the question: "Now, Johnny, what is a desert?" Prompt came the response: "Pa's bald head."

Brown is a melancholy soul. Rumor hath it that once he was crossed in love. At any rate, he is usually pessimistic about things in general, and always particular as to what he eats. The other day he went into a restaurant, and having scanned the luncheon menu, said to the waiter: "I see you have some calves' hearts." "Yes, sir," agreed the waiter, busily flicking crumbs from the tablecloth. "Well, how about it?" continued Brown. "Are they tender?" "Yes, sir," declared the waiter. "Beautifully tender. Then bring me some," he said. "If there is in the world such a thing as a tender heart, I want it."

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"Father," said the small boy, "what is a demagogue?" "A demagogue, my son, is a man who can rock the boat himself and persuade everybody that there's a terrible storm at sea."

REOPENS WESTERN DISTRICT CONNECTION

Telephone Company Restores Communication With Goldstream, Colwood, Metchosisin

Considerable difficulty has been experienced on account of the weather with regard to the reopening of telephonic communication between the city and Goldstream, on the one hand, and the city and Colwood, Metchosisin and William Head on the other.

Several nearly three-foot deep holes were made in the ground, which was severed when the lines were put out of commission by the blizzard nearly two weeks ago. Reference already has been made to the fact that while the city waterworks telephone line remained intact, that to Goldstream broke down, and thus connection with Humphreys reservoir and Shook lake was suspended.

The linesmen who have been working over these routes in the past week have found much damage done by falling trees, particularly between Four Mile house and Parson's Bridge, and beyond Colwood village.

So little traffic has been over the roads in the past two or three weeks that trail had to be broken in several cases. An effort has been made to press on to the quarantine station so that communication with the Immigration officials at the outer wharf could be reopened by Dr. Nelson at William Head. The absence of telephonic connection has crippled the handling of overseas boats in the last ten days. These residents of the Colwood and Metchosisin districts who have service to central town will also be given facilities as soon as possible.

The line gangs report a great deal of snow throughout the district, particularly around Langford lake, with less along the Albert Head road, where the sea breezes can reach the drifts.

Called away one Saturday on urgent business, the vicar of a country parish left the next day's services in the hands of the curate. On his return home, on Monday, he changed to meet an old lady of his congregation. "Well, Mrs. Smith," he said genially, "and how did things go yesterday at church?" "Poorer sermon I ever heard!" replied the old lady candidly. "There wasn't nothing in it!" Feeling rather perturbed, the vicar continued his walk, and ran across his curate. "Good morning, John!" he greeted the young man. "I suppose you managed all right yesterday?" "Oh, yes, sir," replied the curate. "And, by the way, as I hadn't time to prepare a sermon of my own, I took the liberty of using an old one of yours!"

In a city boarding house some time ago the guests were working away at the evening meal when Mr. Jones broke through the din of clattering knives and forks: "I was reading of a new cure this morning; he remarked, glancing around the table. "It seems that you take off your shoes and stockings and walk barefooted—" "What do you think of that cure, Mr. Jones?" you think of that cure, Mr. Jones?" eagerly interrupted the landlady, who had also read the story. "Do you really think that walking barefooted through grass will make one strong and healthy?" "Well," smiled Mr. Jones, strenuously trying to cut a piece of meat. "It seems to have made this beef pretty tough."

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"This war, which none of the peoples interested wanted, was not declared in the interests of the Germans or of any other people. It is an imperialist war for capitalization and domination of the world's markets, for political domination of important quarters of the globe, and for the benefit of bankers and manufacturers. From the viewpoint of the race of armaments it is a preventive war provoked jointly by the war parties of Germany and Austria in the obscurity of semi-absolutism and secret diplomacy. It is also a Bonaparte-like enterprise tending to demoralize and de-

NO BRAVER MAN THAN LIEBKNECHT

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

To speak of Karl Liebknecht as "the bravest man in Europe" is a pardonable exaggeration, for there is none braver. To stand alone in the reichstag and denounce the war lords requires not less courage and nerve than to risk one's life on the field of battle. Liebknecht risked not only his life. He willingly destroyed his popularity, his influence, his good name. He dared to tell the German people the truth, or as much of the truth as the reichstag would listen to, and as he spoke he knew that his name would be cursed from one end of the empire to the other. He was betrayed and abandoned by his own comrades. The Socialists publicly disowned him, though he was their most brilliant and valuable member. They read him out of the party, and to-day he is without party or country. One of the most popular picture postcards in Germany shows Liebknecht in a soldiers uniform performing mental labor somewhere in Alsace, where he is said to be doing some sort of semi-military duty as a member of the Landsturm.

The Failure of Socialism.

Those who have said for years that there could be no great war pointed to the Socialists as the barrier in the way of militarism. They quoted from the principles of Socialism to show that his powerful party would declare a general strike rather than take up arms. They felt the blow. In every country the Socialists rushed to the colors, but as enthusiastically, perhaps, as non-Socialists, but no where did they make any attempt to interfere with the will of the people, which was for war. In England one or two stood briefly out, and in France one or two. In Germany, where Socialism was supposed to be better organized and a more powerful political force than anywhere else, only Liebknecht remained true to the principles with which his career had been identified. He did not declare himself when the German chancellor asked the reichstag for the first war credit. He made his fight against the war in the caucus of his own party, and losing, remained dumb in the reichstag. For, according to the rules of the Socialists, they vote as a unit. A member is not free to break away publicly or openly oppose the decision of the majority.

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stroy the growing labor movement. That much is clear despite the cynical stage-management designed to mislead the people. This is not a defensive war. I protest against the violation of Belgium and Luxembourg, against the annexation schemes, against military dictatorship, against the complete forgetfulness of social and political duties as shown by the government ruling classes."

His Father's Son.

Not in history was there a more dramatic example of a son holding aloft the torch lit by his father. William Liebknecht was one of the founders of the Socialist party. He too, fought against the militarism of old Emperor William. He protested in the reichstag against the annexation of Alsace, and he served bitter years in prison for his courage. Karl is a worthy son of that brave old warrior. The boy grew up in an atmosphere of intellectual independence and freedom, and, after becoming a lawyer, published a book upon militarism that landed him in prison. On his release he was elected to the Prussian chamber of deputies. In 1912 he was sent to the reichstag by the electors of Potsdam, right from under the palace windows, as it were. The election was a great blow to the kaiser, and he has hated Liebknecht ever since.

Exposing the Krupps.

His hatred increased as Liebknecht made one sensational exposure after another. He showed, for instance, that the Krupps, the government officials to supply them with "tanks" for munitions submitted by other armament makers. He showed the existence of an international armament ring, and of Krupp-owned newspapers in France which at a given signal would insult Germany, creating an international incident, and more demands for guns. He showed that military titles and university professorships were bought and sold, and that when Max Harden exposed the "Camarilla" he touched but the fringe of rottenness. When the war came he alone in Germany kept the faith. His name may be remembered when even the name of Hindenburg is forgotten.

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WILL COUNCIL FAVOR SERIAL BONDS ISSUE?

Financial Discussion Promised This Evening; Estimates Await Attention

Many people are interested in proposing what financial scheme will be evolved out of the discussion on the local improvement situation in city council this evening. The motion to go into committee of the whole shows that an out and dried scheme is in the minds of the members of the finance committee. One of the schemes which probably will be favored is that providing for serial debentures, which recently have been receiving careful attention of the mainland municipalities. These debentures are not fully understood by the average citizen, but they are becoming fashionable in the money market. There is no sinking fund in connection with this plan, the total amount of the loan being extinguished annually in equal instalments, and the principal and interest in each year being as nearly equal as possible.

There is nothing of importance in the regular routine of the council, but the discussion on the above topic will probably occupy some time. Further inquiries from the commission of conservation have been forwarded as to local conditions.

The consideration of the civic estimates may be proceeded with this evening, the council being awaiting the return of the mayor. Experience has shown that much greater progress is made on evenings when there is nothing else to do than when the estimates are tackled by a tired body. His worship said this morning that he fully expected a substantial vote would be necessary to add to the street cleaning appropriation on account of the recent condition of the streets.

The city engineer points out that the problem confronting the city on account of the dirty condition of the streets since the snow began to disappear will have to be taken up seriously soon, and a street brush set to work to clean up debris down-town. It will take quite a time, however, before the material is swept up. A few days' rain would greatly improve the situation, particularly on the asphalt streets. There is much snow in the residential sections yet, and it will be some time before conditions are normal.

Teacher—"Jimmy, in the sentence, 'The fire is low; make it burn,' what punctuation mark is needed?" Practical Pupil—"Colon."

Nodd—"I think that doctor of mine will give us something to stop the baby's crying now." Todd—"Why?" Nodd—"I'm going to move next door to him."

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AMERICAN BRIGADE IN CANADA AUTHORIZED

Five Thousand Men Are to Be Recruited From East to West in Dominion

American-born soldiers are to be given an opportunity to serve Canada in the present war according to an announcement by the minister of militia, Major-General Samuel Hughes. The minister has authorized the formation of a brigade of 5,000, and Major C. Seymour Bullock, late of New York and now of the 97th Battalion, American Legion, is to undertake the recruiting campaign. Enlistment is open to men of American birth or parentage.

General Hughes has ordered the military authorities to open recruiting offices in Vancouver, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Port William, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax.

FIFTY BANTAMS HERE

First Members of 143rd Battalion Arrive To-night From Vancouver.

The first members of the Bantam battalion will arrive here to-night from Vancouver to go into the temporary quarters of the 143rd in the Prince Rupert house, Bastion square. There are about fifty of them who have been attached to one of the Vancouver regiments for some time.

The temporary quarters have been prepared for them by headquarters officers of the battalion, and with this number of men ready a start soon will be made on the barracks at Beacon Hill park.

Recruiting has begun in Victoria for the Bantams. Undersized men enlisted in other battalions will be allowed to transfer to the Bantams if they wish.

REMOVE TO PANTAGES.

88th Victoria Fusiliers (C. E. F.) Band Now Holding Weekly Concerts at Well Known Playhouse.

The many patrons of the band concerts given each Sunday evening by the 88th Victoria Fusiliers-band exhibited considerable interest in the removal of the performance last evening to Pantages theatre, where future concerts also will be held. In making this arrangement Bandmaster Rumsby had in mind the need of more commodious quarters owing to the popularity of the entertainments by the band, and last evening's performance was a delight to all.

The theatre has splendid acoustic properties, and with two such outstanding artists as Mrs. Roy Truop and Ernest Petch for the vocal soloists the event was assured success. The former sang Landon Ronald's beautiful composition, "An April Birthday," and a charming modern ballad by Haydn Wood, in her rendering of which she exhibited all those rare qualities of voice and finesse of rendering which have made the artist so well known.

Mr. Petch gave a very fine rendering of J. D. A. Tripp's new patriotic song, "Hail! Britain, Hail!" a rousing composition in march time which is already being heard among the soldiers. The band had a number of excellent selections to prove its ability, among them being the ballet music from "William Tell," and a fantasia entitled "A Voyage on a Troop Ship." Under the persuasive banishment of Bandmaster Rumsby these numbers especially appealed, although every number on the programme won favor. The accompanist for the soloists was Mr. Gaskill.

LIEUT. HOLMES HONORED.

The rank of temporary captain has been conferred on Lieut. W. D. Holmes of Victoria, who was awarded the D. S. O. and the Military Cross by King George at Buckingham Palace on January 15. Capt. Holmes is with the 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion.

Writing to his father, Capt. Holmes said that his majesty, in making the investiture of the two orders, said it was the fifth double decoration he had given. The letter gives the information that Lieut. Mellree, of Victoria, had been invested, and that Capt. Holmes had met Lieut. Despard Pemberton, of Victoria, in London.

OFFICERS PASSED.

The result of the examination of officers in the Western Scots last Thursday is announced as follows: Qualified for rank of field officer—Lieut. A. C. Sutton and Lieut. A. B. Carey.

Qualified for rank of captain—Lieut. C. B. Schreiber, Lieut. S. H. O'Neil, Lieut. G. R. D. Wooler and Lieut. B. McDiarmid.

Qualified for rank of lieutenant—Lieut. W. F. Cooke, Lieut. A. A. Gray, Lieut. J. Falkner, Lieut. R. A. Blyth, Lieut. A. M. Hall and Lieut. H. S. Thain.

OFFICERS OF 143RD.

Additional officers approved by the militia department at Ottawa for the 143rd battalion are as follows: Capt. J. H. Roaf, formerly with the Corps of Guides; Lieut. J. Gordon Smith, formerly with the 5th Regiment; Lieut. J. G. Forrest, transferred from 50th Regiment; Lieut. O. Lineham, from 68th Regiment; Lieut. G. deL. Peck and Lieut. D. F. Picken, transferred from 69th Regiment; Lieut. J. Mayor, formerly with 56th; Lieut. H. Kennedy, formerly with 67th; Hon. Capt. W. White, paymaster; Hon. Capt. M. Raynor, medical officer.

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Parson—"Why, Willy Wilson! Fighting again? Don't you know that when you are struck on one cheek you ought to turn the other to the striker?" Willie—"Yes, sir. But he hit me on the nose, and I've only got one."

SAW GREAT FIRE IN DOMINION'S CAPITAL

Dr. S. F. Tolmie Returns to Victoria After Extensive Trip; Attended Conferences

One of the very first people to arrive in Victoria after having actually seen the parliament buildings at Ottawa on fire is Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Dominion Livestock commissioner for British Columbia. Dr. Tolmie arrived in the federal capital the morning after the fire, and went out about 9 o'clock to see the buildings. They were still burning, and a corps of firemen was pouring streams of water into the smouldering flames which were even then indicated in the jets of smoke breaking intermittently from some part of the charred and scarred ruin.

"Apparently the fire was very rapid," he told a Times reporter this morning. "Several members of the house to whom I spoke, and who were in the building at the time that the fire broke out, seemed to be divided in opinion as to whether it was of incendiary origin or not. But all agreed that the flames progressed so rapidly that no one had any time to secure any of his personal belongings, but made his escape as best he could. Much regret was expressed at the injury suffered by Hon. Mr. Borden. It was expected at that time that he would be confined to his home for some time as the result of his burns."

Dr. Tolmie stated that the most apparent injury to the buildings was in the roof, sections of which had fallen in, while practically all of this part of the structure was very much charred, and gave a sinister aspect to the whole structure. There was quite a sharp frost, and snow on the ground, but even at that early hour there were crowds of citizens standing outside the line cordoned off by a guard of soldiers and police watching the smouldering ruin.

Was at El Paso.

The Dominion livestock commissioner for British Columbia left here about three weeks ago to attend the meeting of the American National Livestock association held recently at El Paso, Texas, going there in the capacity of delegate from the Western Canada Livestock union, which represents the associations of the four western provinces. He was delayed nearly two days by washouts and incidental mishaps and arrived only on the last day of the meeting, but had a big and attention audience when he delivered his address on "Livestock Conditions in Western Canada."

The American National Livestock association, he said, "represents the producing end of the livestock industry for practically all the states west of the Mississippi, and among the several hundred delegates were men whose holdings were up to a million acres in extent, and who owned their cattle in tens of thousands."

"Many matters in connection with the livestock industry were discussed, but the principal one from our standpoint in Canada as well as over there was the matter of market. The Western Canada Livestock union, as a matter of fact, sent a representative with a view to securing the information in this connection from the older and larger association, feeling that market conditions were the same on both sides of the line. The producers feel that there is too great a margin between the price received by the grower and the cost of the product to the consumer. It is the purpose of the association to use every means to have this adjusted, for the price of beef at present has considerably affected the consumption. During the last five years, for instance, the per capita consumption has fallen off from 162 lbs. to 145 lbs.—nearly 11 per cent decrease."

Dr. Tolmie is making a report of this Texas meeting for the Dominion Livestock branch and also for the livestock union.

Met Growers.

"A number of packers and packers' representatives were invited to attend the convention, and an interview was held with them by representatives of the growers," stated the returned delegate, who added thereafter that the said interview had been considered decidedly unsatisfactory, by the growers, who felt that full information was not being given concerning the various difficulties which the grower encountered in marketing his product. As a result the growers had decided to begin a campaign with a view to improving marketing conditions and to increasing the consumption of meats. In doing this they proposed a publicity campaign which would fully expose the various phases of production and distribution with the idea of enlightening the support of the meat-consuming public. And besides publicity the association is securing the best legal talent to abet their work, and will publish a newspaper of their own giving correct market conditions.

From the conference at El Paso, Dr. Tolmie proceeded to Toronto to attend the meetings of the various livestock associations held there, during last week. Incidentally he was elected fourth vice-president of the Dominion Holstein Breeders' association, by acclamation.

At all these meetings he states, better representation from the west of Canada was strongly urged by the delegates from this part of the Dominion. Before leaving the Ontario capital he also attended the meeting of the Live Stock Union, which discussed many matters of vital interest to stock men throughout the country.

After his visit to Ottawa Dr. Tolmie went direct to Buffalo, N. Y., where he visited the famous Holstein herd belonging to Oliver Cahoon. This herd comprises the champion butter-producing Holstein, which in a single week gave milk which yielded 4 lbs. of butter—an average of 6 lbs. per day. At

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Regular price \$50.00—A rich silk broche in a beautiful tone of rose with a green design is the material used. The blouse is made with a smart vest effect. A collar and girdle is of green silk to match. The sleeves from the elbow to the cuffs are of lace. Sale price \$9.75

Regular price \$35.00—Crepe de chine of a rich currant color is the material. The skirt is made with a yoke edged with a wide flounce. A girdle is shown of brocaded silk in tones to match. The blouse is trimmed with shadow lace. Sale price \$9.75

Regular price \$25.00—A simple but pretty dress of navy taffeta. It is made with dropped shoulders. A wide, plain girdle and is trimmed with ecru lace and fancy buttons. \$9.75



the head of the same herd is another Holstein for which the owner paid \$25,000. Despite the reputation of Mr. Cahoon's cattle, however, Dr. Tolmie thinks that the Cahoon farm cattle at Essendale, R. C., compare very favorably.

Jubilant Over Crop.

Coming westward the live stock commissioner stopped off at Winnipeg and conferred there with representatives from the Live Stock exchange and the Live Stock Shippers' association. Everyone there is still jubilant, he declares, over the great crop harvested last autumn, which averaged over 26½ bushels to the acre. "There is a pronounced shortage of men in Western Canada for farming in the forthcoming season," he added, referring to the possibility of another record crop in the wheat-producing belt.

Questioned as to the general financial aspect throughout Canada, Dr. Tolmie stated that after talking to delegates from every part of the Dominion, men who came from the farming communities and the big centres alike, he was impressed with the satisfactory condition of business affairs generally. He called attention to the fact that a large amount of hay was being shipped from western Canada, for the use of the allies. The hay was being compressed into small packages by special machinery for the purpose of simplifying its shipment, and there was no doubt, he stated, that if satisfactory transportation rates could be secured, British Columbia might derive some benefit during the coming year from the demand for this commodity by the

motherland at the present time. The stock market generally has been improved by the war, and it was possible that if Canada could get cheap transportation to Europe she might find a further tremendous outlet in Europe for her products in a general way.

In the United States, he said in conclusion, his American fellow-passengers had generally expressed themselves as sympathetic to the allies.

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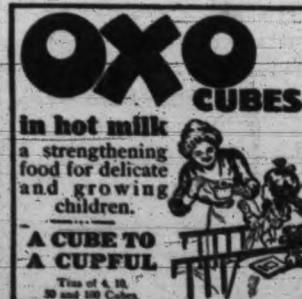
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